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- 1 (On the record at 9:19 a.m.)
- THE COURT: All right. Good morning. We are on
- 3 record in Jones vs. Ryan, CV-01-592. This is the time set for
- 4 an evidentiary hearing.
- 5 Before we get to the opening statements of counsel, I did
- 6 make a determination, in light of the Sanchez-Gomez case, on a
- 7 level of restraint, and, after consultation with the marshals,
- 8 I have decided to allow his writing hand to be free for
- 9 purposes of the evidentiary hearing.
- 10 Let me ask, Mr. Sandman, any objection you want to make?
- MR. SANDMAN: No, Your Honor.
- 12 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you, very much.
- In that case then, I thought the parties may have had
- 14 one or two things they wanted to raise before we got to --
- 15 before we got to the opening statements.
- 16 MS. SMITH: Sure, Your Honor. The parties have come
- 17 to agreement about several exhibits to be admitted without
- 18 objection, so we would just go ahead and move those into
- 19 admission on the record.
- 20 So that would be Petitioner's Exhibits 1, 2, 3, 5, 6,
- 21 9 through 12; 16 through 33; 35 through 43; 45 through 55; 58;
- 22 59; 59A; 61 through 67; 69 through 82; 86 through 94; 97; 103
- 23 through 111; 113 through 122; 124 through 138. And then I
- 24 believe 139, the objection was overruled in your ruling this
- 25 morning.

- 1 With respect to respondent's exhibits, we agree to
- 2 admit 180 through 202, and 211. Thank you.
- 3 THE COURT: Great. So you all saw the order in regard
- 4 to the three outstanding motions in limine, which is what you
- 5 were referring to.
- 6 MS. SMITH: Yes, Your Honor.
- 7 THE COURT: The only other thing I would mention, as
- 8 we go through the hearing, I'll ask counsel to make sure to
- 9 periodically check with Madam Clerk to make sure that the
- 10 exhibits you think are in are actually in. All right?
- 11 So, with that, unless there is anything else before we
- 12 get to opening statements.... Anything from respondent's?
- MR. BRACCIO: Not from respondent's.
- 14 THE COURT: Anything from petitioner before we get to
- 15 opening statements?
- 16 MR. SANDMAN: I don't have anything to turn the volume
- 17 up either.
- THE COURT: No, that's not a problem.
- MR. SANDMAN: I think Ms. Smith forgot to mention
- 20 Exhibit 12 as one that's going to be offered. That was the one
- 21 we discussed with you earlier this morning.
- 22 THE COURT: Okay.
- MR. SANDMAN: That would be it for us.
- 24 THE COURT: Great. All right.
- 25 MR. SANDMAN: Your Honor, Cary Sandman here on behalf

- of Mr. Jones; Karen Smith, of course, my co-counsel; and a
- 2 number of staff here, and some folks in the courtroom over here
- 3 on the left that actually are friends of Mr. Jones.
- I thought what I would do to start is if we could put
- 5 up the slides of -- the aerial slides, please.
- As soon as we can pull those up, Judge, I was going to go
- 7 through some aerials and some photographs of the park where
- 8 Mr. Jones lived, and so on, just to give you some familiarity
- 9 with some of the places we are going to be talking about.
- 10 This is the trailer park where Mr. Jones lived, which is on
- 11 the screen now. Mr. Jones' trailer is Number 23. There's an
- 12 arrow pointing to it up in the northeast corner there. The
- 13 property consists there of a number of trailers and some
- 14 apartments down on the right side of the photo you can see
- 15 there.
- 16 Down at sort of the south end there's a little pad with an
- 17 F next to it. That was where the Fleming family had sort of, I
- 18 guess you'd call it, a little trailer set up there. It was at
- 19 that location at around 5:15, 5:30 on Sunday, May 1st where
- 20 Rachel was first discovered sick, at least where she was
- 21 visibly seen trying to vomit and so on.
- 22 The next slide. You can see -- let me get it up. You can
- 23 still see the trailer park there down on the lower right-hand
- 24 corner. And then as you go north, you can see there's -- the
- 25 Rural/Metro station is the next little flag there. And as you

- 1 go further up on the left, there's the Quik Mart that you read
- 2 about in some of the papers.
- 3 Can we see the next slide? A little further north from the
- 4 other slide is where the Quik Mart -- the Choice Market is,
- 5 that was a little further north. There's a little red circle
- 6 on the left-hand side where the Lopez family lived. It's along
- 7 the north side of that Choice Market where the children said
- 8 they saw the van.
- 9 Next slide.
- 10 Is the slide show not working? Apparently it is not
- 11 working.
- 12 Excuse me, Judge. I'm sorry.
- 13 THE COURT: We'll take a pause for a moment here.
- 14 MR. SANDMAN: Your Honor, the next slide here is a
- 15 photo of, actually, Mr. Jones' trailer.
- 16 THE COURT: A quick question. Was that the middle of
- 17 those three trailers on slide one?
- MR. SANDMAN: Yes.
- 19 THE COURT: Thank you. Go ahead.
- MR. SANDMAN: Mr. Jones was living there at the time
- 21 with his daughter, Brandie, age 11, Angela Gray and her three
- 22 children: Becky, age 10; Rachel, age 4; and John, 14.
- Go to the next slide please.
- This is the outside of Mr. Jones' trailer, Judge. You'll
- 25 see a clothesline there. According to Ms. Gray, there's a

- 1 statement that she gave -- that's cited down at the bottom of
- 2 the page in Bates Number 536 -- Becky had strung Rachel up on
- 3 that clothesline at least one time that the mother knew about.
- 4 And whether there were other times, of course, we don't know.
- 5 She was reported to have fallen off that clothesline.
- I mention that not to suggest that -- well, just to suggest
- 7 that, as you'll see as we go through these slides, there are a
- 8 number of dangers surrounding this child in that trailer park.
- 9 The next slide. Why don't we skip ahead a couple sides, if
- 10 we can.
- 11 That's the front entry.
- We'll just go through them quickly, if we can.
- 13 Just the living room.
- Just scroll through them.
- 15 This is Mr. Jones' bedroom. If you look at the upper --
- 16 there's a blue garment. There appears to be a blue garment on
- 17 the floor next to the bed. Eight-year-old Ray Lopez said that
- 18 the man driving the van that he saw was wearing a blue shirt on
- 19 that Sunday afternoon. Apparently that shirt -- as you'll hear
- 20 in testimony from Ms. Pesquiera eventually -- that shirt was
- 21 never recovered for testing for forensic evidence. The lack of
- 22 any valuable forensic evidence on the shirt would have been
- 23 helpful.
- The next slide is the children's bedroom.
- 25 On the bed on the left was where Rachel slept. The bunk

- 1 beds were for Becky and Barry Jones's daughter, Brandie, at
- 2 least for a period of time.
- 3 And I should say, Judge, this family all -- these families
- 4 lived together for about three or four weeks total. Initially,
- 5 14-year-old Johnny actually slept on the floor of that room,
- 6 and there were concerns about improper touching of Rachel I'll
- 7 talk about a little later this morning. He was eventually
- 8 moved out of that room and a separate little alcove was made
- 9 for him.
- 10 The next slide.
- 11 This is the entry to the bedroom. And on Monday morning,
- in the wee hours of Monday morning, Rachel's sister, Becky,
- 13 found Rachel lying on the floor there next to that table and
- 14 put her back in bed.
- 15 Next slide, please. Next slide.
- 16 That's Rachel on the left side of the screen, Your Honor.
- 17 She has a bruise on her eye and on her forehead. And we were
- 18 interested in the fact that several adults who had visited the
- 19 trailer on Sunday night, when Rachel was sick, reported not
- 20 seeing that bruise. And so we posed the question to Dr. Howard
- 21 and Dr. Ophoven, some of the doctors who will testify later
- this week, and into next week, if Rachel had fallen into that
- 23 little table that you see in the photograph, where she was
- 24 found sort of laying in the doorway there, could that have
- 25 caused the injury that you're looking at in the photograph?

- 1 And the answer was yes, that it could.
- 2 The next photograph in the series is obviously not from the
- 3 trailer, but this was an autopsy photo. What I wanted to show
- 4 you was there's blood on the sheet emanating from the scalp
- 5 wound that Rachel had.
- One of the things that happened at the trial in this case
- 7 was that, as you'll know, there was some blood found in the
- 8 van, and the prosecutor argued that that could not have come
- 9 from Rachel being in the van Monday morning -- she was rushed
- 10 to the hospital -- because you don't bleed after you die. And
- 11 this photo, which obviously trial counsel had, indicates that a
- 12 couple of days after her death that wound was still seeping
- 13 blood. And the doctors will testify that, of course, the idea
- 14 the prosecutor suggested at the trial, that you don't continue
- 15 to see blood after you die, was incorrect.
- 16 THE COURT: I want to make sure we're not going to
- 17 have any of the sealed photos or unredacted photos shown in --
- 18 to the gallery here today.
- MR. SANDMAN: There won't be any.
- THE COURT: Thank you.
- MR. SANDMAN: Can we go to the PowerPoint now.
- Judge, what I wanted to do next is take a little bit of
- 23 time to go through some of the state's proposed findings of
- 24 fact. You have those. You've probably looked at them. They
- 25 contain those citations to the record, and so I want to focus,

- 1 maybe take some time to go through some of them with you.
- 2 If we could pull up --
- THE COURT: You're referring to Docket 242?
- 4 MR. SANDMAN: I believe that was the respondent's
- 5 proposed findings.
- 6 THE COURT: Yes.
- 7 MR. SANDMAN: On the screen we have the proposed
- 8 finding number one. It makes a reference to Carol Jones, who
- 9 is Mr. Jones' former spouse. You can see in the bold print
- 10 there she alleged that she left him due to domestic abuse
- 11 against her and her children. Carol Jones also had obtained an
- order of protection against the petitioner after he repeatedly
- 13 struck her children.
- 14 So here's the story with respect to this evidence, or
- 15 the allegations. It was excluded by the trial court from the
- 16 trial. We have a citation to the transcript of April 4, 1995.
- 17 There was an effort to introduce some of this evidence at the
- 18 trial, the trial court said no, and so it doesn't really have
- 19 any relevance, certainly to the Strickland weighing analysis,
- 20 and when you weigh what the jury knew versus what -- against
- 21 the new evidence. This evidence was excluded.
- In the next slide -- and maybe part of the reason it
- 23 was excluded -- I don't know whether there was a reason or
- 24 not -- the ex-wife made a lot of different kinds of statements
- 25 about her relationship with Mr. Jones. One of the things she

- 1 said here on this next slide in an interview was that after she
- 2 obtained that order of protection several years before any of
- 3 these events, they got along just fine.
- That's actually the slide after. Excuse me.
- 5 Then she also said -- the next slide, this was an
- 6 interview I believe with defense counsel -- that when she was
- 7 initially interviewed on May 3rd, 1994, the sheriff's
- 8 detectives wanted her to say that Barry was real abusive when
- 9 they initially interviewed her, but he was not.
- The next slide.
- 11 There was a single CPS investigation that found no evidence
- 12 of abuse.
- So what I would say about all this evidence, it never went
- 14 in at the trial.
- There is some evidence, of course, the trial counsel had
- 16 this information. There was information that trial counsel had
- 17 that Mr. Jones was emotionally fragile at the time of his
- 18 separation from Carol Jones, he sought mental health treatment
- 19 at Kino Hospital, but none of that has anything to do with
- 20 evidence that the jury heard, and there is no witness who will
- 21 testify in these proceedings as to any of those facts.
- 22 Next slide, please.
- This is proposed finding number two.
- I want to concentrate on the bold print there: Before
- 25 Angela moved into petitioner's trailer, none of her children

- 1 were abused or exhibited bruising.
- Next slide, please.
- 3 The record doesn't substantiate that, Your Honor. We're
- 4 looking at a letter written by Ms. Gray's 14-year-old son to
- 5 the Court before her sentencing, referencing the fact that he
- 6 wanted his mother to stay in jail because of "hitting me" and
- 7 "beating me." Down at the bottom, a reference to "beating
- 8 people."
- 9 The next page, please.
- 10 The proposed finding asks you to find there was no bruising
- on any of Angela's children. And here is a statement made by
- 12 Angela's daughter, Rebecca, on May 9, 1994, this is right after
- 13 Rachel died, where she stated there had been bruises. She had
- 14 been hit in the stomach, arm and face.
- Of course, being struck in the stomach has resonance in
- 16 this case because that's exactly where Rachel was struck by
- 17 somebody.
- 18 Next slide, please.
- 19 Then, of course, we get into the question, well, who was
- 20 abusing these children while they were all living together.
- 21 There were a number of questions asked of these kids: Did
- 22 Barry ever discipline you with a spanking? And Rebecca said
- 23 no. As this slide indicates. What did he do if he lost his
- 24 temper? He would tell us to go to our room.
- Next slide, please.

- 1 More questions about Angela kicking and hitting her
- 2 children.
- 3 So the suggestion that Angela had not been abusive before
- 4 she lived with Mr. Jones just obviously appears to be
- 5 inaccurate.
- 6 Next slide.
- 7 This was an October 31, 1995 interview and excerpt from an
- 8 interview of the aunt who took custody of Becky and Johnny
- 9 after Rachel died, and she was asked some questions about
- 10 whether she felt those children had been sexually abused. She
- 11 said not by Barry. And asked why, at the bottom she references
- 12 family had been over to the house, walking in and "seen Becky
- 13 sleeping with a bunch of drunk men."
- 14 Again, I mention some of these things like the clothesline
- 15 and some of this other evidence because this was a very
- 16 dangerous environment for these children that had nothing to do
- 17 with Mr. Jones.
- 18 Next slide, please.
- 19 Again, going to the evidence of the mother's abusive
- 20 behavior, this is a continuation of an excerpt from Donna
- 21 Marini's interview where she's asked about whether the children
- 22 were abused, and she relates some of the information coming out
- 23 in counseling sessions, including Angela slamming the children
- 24 up against walls and throwing them down stairs. She's asked if
- 25 those things were done recently, and she says they were done

- 1 all the time on and off.
- 2 Then the final question in this excerpt: From what the
- 3 children have told you, was he abusive to them, Barry? No.
- 4 Next slide, please.
- 5 This is an interview of Becky Lux, on October 30, '95. An
- 6 excerpt regarding questions whether there were any -- she
- 7 noticed any unusual bruises on her sister, Rachel. She
- 8 describes a handprint. She says: I guess my mom spanked her.
- 9 She did something bad and it bruised.
- 10 Again, this idea in the post finding that Angela never
- 11 abused her children. Here, we have a bruise on Rachel. This
- 12 was in April, according to this excerpt, which is right before
- 13 these events that, of course, we are here about today.
- 14 Next slide.
- There were some questions about did Barry ever spank
- 16 Rachel. She said a little whack on the behind, you know, a
- 17 little light whack.
- 18 Next slide, please.
- More evidence of abuse witnessed committed by Angela Gray
- 20 on her children. This has resonance. This comes from the
- 21 trial April 11, Terry Richmond. He was asked if he had seen
- 22 Angela Gray strike Rachel on the side of the head. Yes, ma'am.
- 23 Now, that has resonance because we know -- you'll hear one of
- 24 the autopsy findings was she had some blood in the ears.
- 25 So next slide, please.

- 1 This is proposed finding number three, and it goes to
- 2 the -- it proposes that there wasn't any events that Rachel
- 3 played in petitioner's -- any of the children had played in
- 4 petitioner's van.
- 5 Next slide.
- 6 Part of the problem really knowing whether that happened is
- 7 that there are tons of kids out there in that trailer park, and
- 8 they just ran free, including four-year-old Rachel, as you'll
- 9 hear in a couple -- a few slides later.
- 10 Next slide, please.
- 11 This slide comes from an interview that investigator George
- 12 Barnett did around May 9th, a few days after the homicide. He
- 13 interviewed Shirley DeVous, who lived on one side of Mr. Jones
- 14 in that trailer park. I forget which side. But she said that
- 15 on Sunday, May 1st, which is, of course, an important day, she
- 16 observed kids playing around the front of Barry's trailer, and
- 17 this was not unusual.
- 18 Next slide.
- 19 And Michael Fleming reported kids, including his son,
- 20 playing down there on that Sunday with other kids.
- 21 Next slide.
- This is an excerpt from the interview of March 24, '95, of
- 23 Stephanie Fleming. She saw these kids running around on May
- 1st, a whole bunch of kids playing right around her trailer.
- 25 Rachel was there. And she goes on to conclude, you know, at

- 1 times they were playing unsupervised under a trailer.
- 2 Ms. Fleming had sort of an interesting story, because when
- 3 Mr. Barnett, the investigator, went out and interviewed people
- 4 in the trailer park, he was informed by the park manager that
- 5 Ms. Fleming moved the day Rachel died, concerned that either
- 6 she or one of her children would be accused of harming Rachel.
- 7 Next slide.
- 8 This is proposed finding five, Your Honor. It alleges that
- 9 during a trip, alone with petitioner, Rachel suffered an injury
- 10 to her face resulting in two black eyes. This doesn't have
- 11 anything to do with what happened on May 1st. They're claiming
- 12 this happened sometime in the weeks prior, and that Rachel
- 13 expressed her fear of petitioner and that she confessed to
- 14 sister Rebecca.
- 15 Let's go to the next slide.
- 16 So let's see about this confession to sister Rebecca.
- 17 About four lines down: Do you know at what point in time
- 18 it was that Rachel got these black eyes? And she says the
- 19 second week of April. And a few lines down she goes: I
- 20 remember it was right after her birthday. And she's asked:
- 21 How do you know -- do you know how she got the black eyes? She
- 22 never says Mr. Jones did it, as her proposed finding of fact
- 23 tells you. She says: Rachel said that a girl had swung right
- 24 here with a broom and fractured it. That's what Rachel said?
- 25 Yes.

- 1 So the proposed finding asks you to find that Rachel
- 2 confessed to Becky Mr. Jones had caused black eyes. And here,
- 3 in this interview, October 1, '95 -- it should be '94. I think
- 4 there was a mistake in the date. But, in any event, long after
- 5 these events passed, she said Rachel gave some other story.
- 6 As far as Rachel being afraid of Barry, this next line,
- 7 which was gotten from the interview of the mother, Angela Gray,
- 8 says it was Becky who threatened Rachel and told her if she
- 9 didn't do what she wanted or tattled on her, that Barry would
- 10 get her. If you want to know the root cause of Rachel being
- 11 afraid of Barry for a few days, that's what that resulted in.
- 12 Next slide.
- 13 This is proposed finding number six. Angela discovered a
- 14 handprint on Rachel's buttocks, but Rachel would not reveal who
- 15 inflicted the abuse on her. Well, we sort of touched on this.
- 16 And also this proposed finding says Jonathan Lux observed
- 17 petitioner hit Rachel.
- So, as far as the handprint goes, Brandie, in an interview
- 19 of her, reported that she saw Angela smack Rachel, the next
- 20 morning she saw the handprint, and Angela said that she had
- 21 caused that bruising, which had to be a very substantial whack
- 22 to leave a handprint the next day.
- Then the next slide.
- 24 Again, Becky Lux confirms that it's Angela who caused the
- 25 handprint, nothing to do with Mr. Jones.

- 1 Then the proposed finding that Jonathan Lux was witness to
- 2 some type of abuse by Mr. Jones on Rachel, he was asked about
- 3 that. On May 2nd, 1994, the day Rachel died, he was asked:
- 4 Has Barry ever spanked the kids? No. He says: If Rachel has
- 5 bad behavior, he tells her to go to her room. That's all he
- 6 does.
- 7 Next slide.
- 8 This proposed finding number seven indicates three days
- 9 before her death, no one observed any significant injuries to
- 10 Rachel. Amanda, Angela's sister, stopped by and only observed
- 11 Rachel's black eyes.
- 12 Next slide.
- Oh. You're there. I'm sorry.
- I think you skipped a slide.
- 15 THE COURT: Yeah.
- MR. SANDMAN: Can you go back one?
- 17 So part of that proposed finding is accurate, that
- 18 Aunt Amanda saw dark circles under her eyes. She also
- 19 exhibited the same dark circles under her eyes Sunday
- 20 afternoon, when she was a number of hours away from going into
- 21 shock and dying. So to say that dark circles on the afternoon,
- 22 Friday afternoon, are unrelated to the injury that ultimately
- 23 killed her, I think is a stretch.
- Next slide, please.
- 25 In addition, the suggestion that Rachel wasn't sick before

- 1 late Sunday afternoon, there is an interview that was done on
- 2 May 19, 1994, of one of the neighbors, Isobel Tafe. She saw
- 3 Rachel on Saturday, April 30th. Now, significantly, she sees
- 4 Rachel wandering around that trailer park without any adult
- 5 supervision. She describes in the interview Rachel looking
- 6 scared. She says Rachel's color wasn't natural; it was just
- 7 gray, pale grayish color. Same way she was described late
- 8 Sunday afternoon by people who saw her then.
- 9 There's plenty of evidence here that, well, clearly
- 10 describes the fact that this child was showing signs of illness
- 11 way before Sunday.
- 12 The most clear example of that -- I don't have a slide of
- 13 this, but Dr. Howard gave a declaration to us. He was the
- 14 original pathologist who did the autopsy. In his declaration,
- 15 he says that there was evidence of bruising, you can't exactly
- 16 date bruises. He said there was evidence of bruising dating
- 17 back six days on her abdomen. So to suggest that -- and maybe
- 18 no one else saw it, but he saw it when he did the autopsy, and
- it wasn't something that came from Sunday, May 1st.
- Then the next slide.
- 21 Again, this is Mrs. Fleming reporting on Sunday, May 1.
- 22 She's describing the same discoloration under the eyes of
- 23 Rachel that was seen the day before by Ms. Tafe.
- Next slide.
- Now, finding number ten, which is proposed finding number

- 1 ten, I want to talk about for a minute.
- 2 Brandie Jones sort of became the focal point of a story
- 3 that she had seen a little boy in the trailer park strike
- 4 Rachel in the stomach with a metal bar. And I should say, you
- 5 know, we're not claiming that she was killed by another child.
- 6 What we're talking about, again, is that this is a dangerous
- 7 area, we see this child after she dies with a number of marks
- 8 on her. Did they come from falling off a clothesline? did they
- 9 come from the mother smacking her? did they come from another
- 10 child inflicting some harm to her? I think it would have been
- 11 all of those things.
- I don't want you to -- I am not suggesting that a child
- 13 killed her. I am trying to make the point that this was an
- 14 unsafe environment, especially for a four-year-old
- 15 unsupervised.
- 16 THE COURT: The child that supposedly struck her, I am
- 17 sorry to ask this question, but was it a two-year-old child?
- 18 MR. SANDMAN: It was alleged to be a large
- 19 two-year-old child that had a metal bar.
- THE COURT: I just wanted to make sure I understood.
- MR. SANDMAN: But the problem we have now -- let's go
- 22 to the next slide -- why it became sort of Brandie's word
- 23 against the world, the reason that it turned out that way is
- 24 because leads that other people had seen this event were never
- 25 interviewed or contacted.

- 1 And this next slide I am showing you from March 21, 1995,
- 2 an interview of Michael Fleming, he says one of the kids who
- 3 saw the little boy hit Rachel with a stick or crowbar was the
- 4 10-year-old son of another neighbor, Pauline. Don't know who
- 5 that is. That person was never interviewed, it was a lead not
- 6 followed.
- 7 Next slide.
- 8 This is a slide from Brandie's interview where she
- 9 describes what she saw.
- 10 And the next slide.
- 11 She sort of described the shape of it, "a metal bar that
- 12 went like this and curved like that." I'm not sure what that
- 13 means, but she said it "had a little curly thing right there at
- 14 the bottom."
- 15 The next slide.
- The instrument she described fits sort of a pattern injury
- 17 that was seen on Rachel.
- 18 Next slide.
- I think we may have made a reference to this, Isobel Tafe
- 20 making a reference to seeing her on the 30th looking scared.
- 21 Next slide.
- 22 Then Rachel had -- I know this became Brandie's sort of
- 23 cross to bear, if you will, but a number of people heard Rachel
- 24 say that she had been hit by a little boy with a metal bar,
- 25 including her sister Rebecca, who gave the statement on the day

- 1 Rachel died, May 2nd: "She kept saying a boy pushed me out of
- 2 the van and hit me with a metal bar."
- 3 Next slide.
- 4 That story, Rachel told that to her mother.
- 5 Next slide.
- In an interview with Stephanie Fleming about all this, she
- 7 told police that Don and Pete had heard that one of her sons
- 8 had hit Rachel with a stick. Well, who are Don and Pete? No
- 9 one ever follows up to see what those people knew about it.
- 10 Next slide.
- 11 Proposed finding number sixteen, that Mr. Jones made up a
- 12 false story that he saw Rachel fall out of his van sometime in
- 13 the afternoon.
- 14 Next slide.
- Again, this is an interview of Rebecca, on May 2nd, the day
- 16 Rachel died, saying: Rachel kept saying a boy pushed her out
- 17 of the van and "hit me with a metal bar in the stomach." It's
- 18 not all coming from petitioner.
- 19 Next slide.
- 20 She told her mother the same thing. She told Brandie the
- 21 same thing.
- 22 Next slide, please.
- In this proposed finding they're asking you to find that
- 24 Rachel told Angela in the presence of her sister Rebecca and
- 25 daughter Brandie that petitioner hit her with a metal shoe bar

- 1 in the head and the stomach.
- Now, supposedly -- I should step back a minute and say that
- 3 on Sunday evening, when Rachel was just a few hours from going
- 4 into shock and dying, she was making these statements. She
- 5 must have been extremely ill. I don't know how that would
- 6 affect the mental capacity of a four-year-old. But at some
- 7 point in the midst of saying that these boys -- the boy had hit
- 8 her and pushed her, she said that Barry had hit her with the
- 9 metal bar in the head and the stomach.
- 10 And there was litigation in the trial court about whether
- 11 that should be admitted. That's the next slide. Whether that
- 12 was hearsay, whether it was some exception to the hearsay rule.
- 13 And in the midst of the pretrial argument, the day before the
- 14 trial started, on April 4th, 1995, the prosecutor said she was
- 15 withdrawing any effort to proffer that evidence.
- 16 So there was no evidence given to Mr. Jones' jury that he
- 17 had ever struck Rachel with a metal bar. There will be no
- 18 witness in these proceedings who will testify that that ever
- 19 happened, and it's another example of something that really is
- 20 historical. It has no relevance to the weighing process in
- 21 assessing what did Mr. Jones' jury hear versus, you know, what
- 22 should they have heard.
- Next slide, please.
- 24 Again, it's just Angela's -- we've already gone over some
- 25 of this. You can go ahead and go through the next couple of

- 1 slides. I think we're about done with that.
- 2 So I think that one of the challenges in this
- 3 extraordinarily, oftentimes seemingly complex case, is I think
- 4 we need to strive to be careful about -- in grafting a lot of
- 5 statements in the records without thinking about whether a jury
- 6 ever really heard that evidence. And I've touched on some of
- 7 that, but I think I have also hopefully been able to show you
- 8 that some of the things that I want you to find are really
- 9 contradicted by the record, particularly to suggest to you that
- 10 there was never any evidence that the mother abused her
- 11 children. I think it is clearly refuted now.
- I should say the jury didn't hear about any of that either.
- 13 So, you know, the question is though, you know, should defense
- 14 counsel have investigated that and pursued that. In light of
- 15 all the evidence I have just discussed with you about the
- 16 mother's abusive behavior and hitting on the side of the head
- 17 and all these other things that she was doing, you know, should
- 18 that have been a focal point of their investigation? And I
- 19 think you'll find that it wasn't. And, certainly, if anything,
- 20 when they had all that evidence that the mother was abusive,
- 21 and they have their client saying that he's innocent, that
- 22 should have had some resonance, and maybe they should have paid
- 23 a little more attention to their client's innocence claim.
- I want to shift from talking about what the case is really
- 25 not about to evidence that actually led to Mr. Jones'

- 1 conviction. That's what we're here to talk about. The
- 2 principal evidence that led to Mr. Jones' conviction was that
- 3 Rachel Gray suffered all of her injuries on Sunday afternoon,
- 4 May 1st, on a third trip she took with Mr. Jones in his van.
- 5 That's the focal point. That's what he was arrested for even
- 6 before the autopsy was done.
- 7 That element of proof depended on medical evidence. They
- 8 couldn't prove that he had done -- Mr. Jones had done anything
- 9 to Rachel without medical evidence, and they ultimately
- 10 presented medical evidence that was uncontested, tying all of
- 11 Rachel's injuries to the late afternoon of Sunday May 1,
- 12 including a fatal tear to her small bowel. She had a vaginal
- injury they dated to that time. She had a scalp injury they
- 14 dated to that time. We presented evidence that demonstrates
- 15 the state's medical evidence was incomplete, incorrect, and
- 16 unreliable, and that's the main focus of why we are here.
- 17 The state also presented blood evidence found on Mr. Jones'
- 18 clothing that they argued supported the conclusion. I'd like
- 19 to see those blood slides. They used this blood evidence to
- 20 argue that that proved that Rachel had been physically and
- 21 sexually assaulted in the van.
- I just have a few slides I want to move on to with respect
- 23 to that.
- 24 So this first slide, Your Honor, is a red shirt, that's
- 25 Mr. Jones', on May 2nd. The analyst found a trace of human

- 1 blood too small to characterize on the shirt. So this was not
- 2 a bloody gory scene on the shirt.
- 3 At trial, the prosecutor argued it was too small because
- 4 there were spatter pattern as a result of a beating, and that
- 5 was on the sleeve. They never mentioned -- the prosecutor
- 6 never mentioned a transfer stain on the left sleeve or the rear
- 7 of the shirt.
- 8 You'll hear evidence from our blood interpretation expert,
- 9 Stuart James, that a transfer stain happens when you come into
- 10 touch with something. Mr. James looked at the same evidence
- 11 and said the key point is, I think, what he says at the bottom
- 12 of the page: These stains could have occurred as a result of
- 13 lifting or otherwise attending to an injured person. Mr. Jones
- 14 had contact with Rachel on Sunday afternoon, when her scalp
- 15 wound started to bleed.
- 16 Now, let me just say about the scalp wound, the tissue
- 17 slides show that that wound was at least two days -- let me be
- 18 precise -- more likely than not, two days old. The scalp
- 19 wound, to Rachel. Way before May 1st.
- 20 And everybody around that child all day on May 1st, no one
- 21 sees her head bleeding. When she starts to try to vomit at
- 22 5:15, at the Fleming trailer there, late Sunday, there is no
- 23 blood noticed there. She's already sick, obviously, from
- 24 peritonitis that she's had stewing for a couple days. She goes
- 25 home, Mr. Jones takes her home and lays her down and notices

- 1 blood on a pillow from where she had a barrette in her hair,
- 2 that's the first time anyone sees any blood. And obviously we
- 3 will present evidence to show that it wasn't anything that
- 4 actually happened on May 1. Quite frankly, it makes this whole
- 5 issue about falling out of the van almost irrelevant, because
- 6 the injury didn't even happen that day.
- 7 Next slide.
- 8 Again, you know, small amount of blood on the pants. You
- 9 can't see it, but it's there, a little bit of Rachel's blood.
- 10 At trial, this was, again, presented as additional evidence of
- 11 an assault in the van. And, again, Mr. James concluded the
- 12 small amount of blood on this clothing was only a small
- 13 transfer of blood on his jeans consistent with the victim. So
- 14 that's the transfer of someone pushing something, it's not
- 15 beating someone and having spatter.
- Next page.
- 17 There was a little bit of blood found on the carpet, and
- 18 the prosecutor argued that that stain is called V6, which was
- 19 evidence of the sexual assault occurred in the back of the van.
- 20 They presented evidence at trial that it was an impression
- 21 stain from her head, you know, laying against the carpet and
- 22 being assaulted. Mr. James said it's not, it's a passive drop
- of blood, and it wasn't in the back of the van.
- Next line.
- 25 The stain was not in the back of the van, Your Honor.

- 1 There's the cut-out for V6. It's right next to the chair.
- Obviously, it dripped off Rachel's head at some point, perhaps
- 3 when she was being carried in the chair to the hospital on
- 4 Monday morning. So it wasn't a transfer stain. It wasn't even
- 5 in the back of the van.
- 6 Next slide.
- 7 There were some very small, again, stains on the seats
- 8 where you almost can't see. And obviously Rachel was in those
- 9 seats. Obviously she was bleeding. The prosecutor, I think,
- 10 as I mentioned earlier, said it couldn't have been from Monday
- 11 morning when she was being transported to the hospital because
- 12 you don't bleed after you die, but we saw the pictures from the
- 13 autopsy. You can't draw any conclusions of guilt from that.
- 14 Go on. Next slide.
- 15 Let me just wrap up.
- 16 Of course, you're going to have evidence from three
- 17 different experts that the children, who claimed to have seen
- 18 an assault on Sunday while Mr. Jones was driving to the Choice
- 19 Market, couldn't have happened. Their statements were tainted,
- 20 as you'll hear from Dr. Esplin. At their height of around a
- 21 little over four feet tall, four feet one inch, it would have
- 22 been physically impossible for them to see Rachel in the van at
- 23 all, except for maybe the top of her head.
- So the case just doesn't add up to prove Mr. Jones did
- 25 anything to Rachel on Sunday, May 1. Nothing.

- 1 And could a jury have heard all this and convicted him? I
- 2 don't think so. But even if they could, that's not the test.
- 3 The test is whether there is a reasonable probability that the
- 4 outcome would have been different, one juror hearing all this
- 5 and saying this couldn't have happened Sunday.
- 6 You know, Mr. Jones was upset on the morning Rachel died
- 7 and didn't go to the hospital. But nothing happened on Sunday,
- 8 he was just upset. So all the inferences changed with this new
- 9 evidence.
- 10 You have our proposed findings and why we thought this
- 11 outcome related to the ineffective assistance of both trial and
- 12 PCR counsel. I don't really have anything else to say other
- 13 than what we've already given in writing on that point.
- 14 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you very much.
- MS. GARD: May it please the Court, my name is Lacey
- 16 Gard. I am here for respondents. So the record is clear, at
- 17 counsel's table with us, in addition to me and Mr. Braccio is
- 18 Sergeant Pesquiera, the case agent; J. D. Nielsen, who is
- 19 co-counsel; and Daniel Vidal, who is our paralegal.
- 20 I thought it was interesting, with Mr. Sandman's
- 21 argument, we didn't really hear the Strickland standards
- 22 mentioned until the very end. So I wanted to take a moment to
- 23 refocus on what we're here to talk about. Because we're not
- 24 here to talk about whether Mr. Jones is guilty or innocent. We
- 25 are here to talk about whether his attorneys performed

- 1 adequately in representing him, and, whether they did not,
- 2 there's a reasonable probability he would have been found not
- 3 guilty.
- 4 I would remind the Court that Mr. Jones raised and
- 5 litigated an actual innocence claim based on this same
- 6 evidence, and that was rejected, I believe. I believe that was
- 7 Judge Zapata that rejected that. But that's been litigated.
- 8 So here we are asking whether his attorneys effectively
- 9 represented him, which is a very deferential inquiry even on a
- 10 de novo review, and of course we're here on a de novo review
- 11 because this is arising in the context of Martinez and is not
- 12 governed by AEDPA.
- I guess I'll just jump into the deficient performance
- 14 prong.
- 15 I didn't hear Mr. Sandman talk about that to -- in too much
- 16 detail this morning, but I'd like to just remind the Court that
- 17 when we look at what counsel did in the next few days, that we
- 18 need to assess their performance from their perspective at the
- 19 time and in light of the circumstances they faced at the time.
- 20 So what you'll see, I think, in the coming days is a
- 21 presentation that's been developed by the Federal Public
- 22 Defender, who has significantly more resources and more
- 23 manpower than trial counsel did. Notwithstanding that, the
- 24 attorneys, you'll see in the coming days that Leslie Bowman and
- 25 Sean Bruner identified and investigated the very lines of

- 1 defense that Mr. Sandman identifies here today.
- We expect that the attorneys, when they testify, won't
- 3 remember all that much about this case, which is to be expected
- 4 because it's 23 years after the fact. But that doesn't defeat
- 5 or doesn't make their claim for a couple of reasons. The first
- 6 being that a lapse in memory does not rebut Strickland's
- 7 presumptions. The second being that, again, this is an
- 8 objective standard, where we need to see whether what they did
- 9 at the time was reasonable given the circumstances that they
- 10 faced.
- 11 And I am not certain whether any attorney will claim that
- 12 they were ineffective. There is some suggestion that one
- 13 might. To the extent that happens, again, that's not
- 14 dispositive because it's an objective standard, and we want to
- 15 look back at what they were faced with and whether a reasonable
- 16 attorney could have made the decisions that they made.
- 17 Mr. Sandman talked a good bit about the facts of the case,
- 18 and some of what he mentioned was not admitted at trial. For
- 19 example, the statements by Rachel about the shoe bar. Just for
- 20 the record, those are contained in Angela's Gray statement to
- 21 the police, the statements that Rachel made that the defendant
- 22 hit her.
- 23 But what -- the facts of the case are relevant for two
- 24 reasons. Not just for Strickland prejudice, the prejudice
- 25 analysis, but also for counsel's decision making. Because

- 1 counsel had before them the entire police investigation, which
- 2 did disclose and did contain information about Jones' prior
- 3 abuse.
- 4 Now, we can argue -- and perhaps it would be appropriate in
- 5 the coming days -- to argue about how extensive that was or,
- 6 you know, what the circumstances of that were, but that was
- 7 something that was known to counsel and was -- would have
- 8 focused into a reasonable attorney's decision making.
- 9 The facts of this case really -- and I am not certain at
- 10 this point exactly what Mr. Sandman's theory is of how Rachel
- 11 came to be injured, because I certainly saw suggestions
- 12 throughout the briefing and in the records that a child had
- 13 injured her. It seems like that's not their theory any longer,
- 14 but the evidence as a whole points really only to Mr. Jones as
- 15 the perpetrator here. Setting aside the medical evidence,
- 16 which we'll talk about in a second.
- 17 But Rachel was in Mr. Jones' care the entire day before she
- 18 died, Sunday, May 1st, was in Mr. Jones' care, beginning from
- 19 the time he woke up in the mid-afternoon through the rest of
- 20 the day while the mother was sleeping.
- 21 Despite what Mr. Sandman said about -- I think it was
- 22 Amanda Gray and Isobel Tafe -- I think the evidence will show
- 23 that Rachel was not ill. There was no evidence of vomiting or
- 24 of pain or anything like that prior to Sunday. The fact that
- 25 two children had seen Mr. Jones striking Rachel in the parking

- 1 lot was certainly something that was very difficult for counsel
- 2 to overcome, and that certainly went into their decision making
- 3 as well, as well as the blood being in Mr. Jones' car. And
- 4 also we talked a minute ago about the statement that Rachel
- 5 made regarding the shoe bar, being struck by the shoe bar.
- 6 And I would note that, as Mr. Sandman had observed in his
- 7 PowerPoint, there was some litigation about that, and
- 8 ultimately the prosecutor withdrew her attempt to introduce
- 9 that statement, but that was opposed by counsel, right? So
- 10 counsel at least expended effort trying to keep that statement
- 11 out and was ultimately successful.
- 12 A critical point as well -- and I didn't hear this
- 13 mentioned by Mr. Sandman -- that is reflective of Mr. Jones'
- 14 quilt is the fact that he dissuaded the mother, Angela Gray,
- 15 from seeking medical treatment by telling her falsely that he
- 16 had taken Rachel to see the paramedics. I believe there is no
- 17 dispute at this point that it's false -- that was a false
- 18 statement, that Mr. Jones took her to a fire station. That
- 19 never happened.
- 20 And the result of that, of course, was to prevent the
- 21 mother from getting medical treatment for Rachel. And I think
- 22 Dr. Ophoven has acknowledged in one of her reports that
- 23 Rachel's death, although resulting from the injury to her
- 24 abdomen, resulted also from medical neglect, that she could
- 25 have been saved had she been taken to the hospital, and that

- 1 any caretaker should have recognized that she could have been
- 2 saved.
- 3 And the defendant also -- this was known to counsel, too,
- 4 this had to go into counsel's decision making process, the fact
- 5 that when Mr. Jones and Angela Gray found Rachel unresponsive,
- 6 Mr. Jones dropped Rachel and Angela off at the hospital and
- 7 then fled and hid out at a homeless camp, where he told people
- 8 he could not go to the hospital because the authorities were
- 9 going to be suspecting child abuse, and he was also overheard
- 10 muttering apologies to Rachel.
- 11 But notwithstanding all of that -- so that's a pretty --
- 12 that's pretty significant evidence of the defendant's guilt
- 13 that counsel had to work with. But notwithstanding that,
- 14 counsel did investigate, as I mentioned before, every line of
- 15 defense that Mr. Sandman claims they should have. And, again,
- 16 they were more limited in their resources than Mr. Sandman was.
- 17 However, with respect to the medical evidence, we have
- 18 admitted now, this morning, Trial Exhibit 1, which is the
- 19 totality of counsel's file. So that will tell us what they did
- 20 and did not do. But one of the documents in that file that's
- 21 going to be very important in this case, and it's separately
- 22 marked also as Exhibit 58, is a letter from Judge Bowman to
- 23 Dr. Phillip Keen.
- Dr. Keen will testify here. Dr. Keen is a very well known
- 25 and well respected expert in pathology here in the State of

- 1 Arizona. He is a former medical examiner, chief medical
- 2 examiner, from Maricopa County and Yavapai County. Judge
- 3 Bowman wrote him a letter and asked him to review the autopsy
- 4 report in this case. In that letter, she also offered to make
- 5 available additional information he might need, including
- 6 tissue slides.
- 7 I expect you'll hear an allegation from Mr. Sandman that
- 8 Dr. Keen's evaluation was insufficient because he didn't have
- 9 those tissue slides. I would submit that we don't know for
- 10 certain that he didn't have the tissue slides, but we do know
- 11 for certain that Leslie Bowman offered to make them available
- 12 to him.
- 13 THE COURT: Can I pause you for a moment because
- 14 you're going fast.
- 15 MS. GARD: I apologize.
- 16 THE COURT: You said something a few moments ago that
- 17 I was waiting for a pause to ask you about. But you were
- 18 talking about the extent of the investigation, said they did
- 19 what they could -- you essentially were saying -- I want to
- 20 make sure I am clear what you're saying. You said they did
- 21 what they could based on the limited resources they had for the
- 22 investigation?
- MS. GARD: No, I'm not saying that at all. I
- 24 apologize. I didn't mean to say they were --
- THE COURT: I know you said they had limited

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1 resources, but that doesn't drive --
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- 2 MS. GARD: It certainly doesn't.
- 3 THE COURT: That doesn't drive the degree of
- 4 investigation they need to conduct, does it?
- 5 MS. GARD: No, it absolutely does not. The point I
- 6 was trying to get across is that -- is not that they didn't
- 7 request resources or get enough resources, but that the Federal
- 8 Public Defender has their own budget, and they were able to
- 9 secure very expensive experts and numerous experts.
- 10 Counsel, at trial, had to request funding for whatever
- 11 experts that they wanted to retain, and they did obtain funding
- 12 for a medical expert and for an investigator.
- But, yes, that just --
- 14 THE COURT: From the trial court?
- MS. GARD: The trial court. I apologize.
- 16 THE COURT: Not without some back and forth though.
- MS. GARD: Right.
- 18 THE COURT: I think the trial court had some concerns
- 19 about the budget and how much experts were going to cost and
- 20 whether or not the experts were going to come from outside of
- 21 the local area, so on, so forth, right?
- MS. GARD: Correct. But they were at least
- 23 recognizing they needed to ask for it. They can't control what
- 24 the Court is going to do, and that doesn't make them
- 25 ineffective if they don't get the same amount of funding. And

- 1 that goes to my argument before that -- that this has to be
- 2 assessed given the circumstances the Court was facing -- or
- 3 that counsel was facing at the time.
- 4 THE COURT: So now to take you forward to where I
- 5 interrupted you. You were talking about providing tissue
- 6 samples, and Judge Bowman offered those to -- offered to
- 7 provide those to the medical examiner?
- 8 MS. GARD: Yes, that's correct.
- 9 THE COURT: I think that's where we left off.
- 10 MS. GARD: Okay. In her letter, in addition to asking
- 11 him to review -- asking Dr. Keen to review the autopsy report,
- 12 she gave him specific referral questions, specific questions
- 13 that she wanted him to answer for her, including the timing of
- 14 Rachel's abdominal and vaginal injuries, and including the
- 15 injuries or the symptoms that she would have suffered after she
- 16 sustained her abdominal injury. And those are -- as the
- 17 Court's aware, those are the exact medical questions that are
- 18 being presented now.
- 19 Also, around the same time they were consulting with
- 20 Dr. Keen, counsel had successfully delayed Rachel's burial in
- 21 the event that they wanted another autopsy, which they
- 22 ultimately did not pursue. And then we'll see documentation
- 23 also -- I believe it's in the billing records -- about a
- 24 telephone call between counsel and Dr. Keen.
- Now, this is where the kind of trail goes cold,

- 1 because no one can remember what was discussed in that
- 2 telephone call. Dr. Keen doesn't remember, and the attorneys
- 3 don't remember. So we don't know what Dr. Keen may have told
- 4 them orally. We don't know what they may have told him about
- 5 the case, in terms of what the police investigation had
- 6 collected or -- and we don't know if they told Dr. Keen what
- 7 strategy they were pursuing. All we know was that there was
- 8 this phone call, after which counsel agreed to release Rachel's
- 9 body for burial because there wouldn't be another autopsy.
- 10 Now, Dr. Keen will tell you, when he testifies, what
- opinions he holds today, in 2017, based on his current review
- of the records. But I would submit that that doesn't prove
- 13 what he told counsel twenty-something years ago. We just
- 14 simply don't have a record or any kind of memory of that. We
- 15 would submit also that the fact that counsel consulted with
- 16 Dr. Keen really defeats the Strickland claim on this issue.
- 17 Counsel also -- I'm sorry. Was there a question?
- 18 THE COURT: No.
- MS. GARD: Counsel also hired an investigator named
- 20 George Barnett. Mr. Barnett is unfortunately deceased, so we
- 21 can't bring him in to talk about his investigation, but he did
- leave some reports which are also part of counsel's file, and
- 23 we'll talk about that as well in the coming days.
- 24 George Barnett conducted interviews of the residents
- of the trailer park where Mr. Jones lived. Subsequently, upon

- 1 instructions from counsel, he photographed and measured Jones'
- 2 yellow van. Now, presumably that had to do with -- or the
- 3 purpose of that was to test the veracity of evidence that
- 4 Mr. Jones had beaten Rachel in that van, as witnessed by the
- 5 Lopez children. Again, memories are faded and Mr. Barnett is
- 6 deceased.
- 7 So, in light of all of that evidence, and in light of
- 8 counsel's investigative efforts, we would submit that you don't
- 9 even need to get to Strickland prejudice, that this can be
- 10 resolved based only on deficient performance because there
- 11 clearly was no deficiency.
- But if you disagree, on the prejudice prong, I think
- in analyzing this issue, it's important to keep in mind that
- 14 there are three predicate felonies for the felony murder in
- 15 this case, and to have that verdict set aside, Mr. Sandman is
- 16 going to have to show reasonable probability that all those
- 17 predicates fail. Of course, one is based on the abdominal
- 18 blow, the sexual assault is the second, and then the failure to
- 19 render aid. I think the most -- we'll spend the most time
- 20 probably on the medical evidence.
- 21 There were some -- and just to lead into this, there
- 22 were some statements made by Mr. Sandman throughout his opening
- 23 about Angela Gray having struck the children before, or
- 24 Jonathan Lux, who was the brother of Rachel, having engaged
- 25 allegedly in improper touching, but I think at the end of the

- 1 nine days you'll see that there really is no concrete evidence
- 2 of anyone else injuring Rachel, inflicting this fatal injury to
- 3 Rachel other than Mr. Jones.
- 4 There has been some suggestion in the pleadings that
- 5 Dr. Howard, who conducted the medical -- or the autopsy in this
- 6 case and testified at trial, has changed his opinion in some
- 7 way. And that's, we will show, not accurate. His opinions are
- 8 the same now as they were at trial.
- 9 THE COURT: You're referring to the timing of the
- 10 his -- the assessment of the timing of the injury and that he
- 11 said one thing at trial and another thing at a different trial?
- MS. GARD: Correct. I'd like to just talk about the
- 13 trial testimony a little bit, because I think the implication
- 14 of Mr. Sandman's argument today in some of the briefs is that
- 15 Dr. Howard said it absolutely happened that afternoon, and the
- 16 questioning is a little bit more vague and open-ended than
- 17 that.
- 18 Really, this comes down to a single question from Kathy
- 19 Mayer saying -- actually two questions, I apologize, from Kathy
- 20 Mayer, who was the prosecutor, asking Dr. Howard are these
- 21 injuries consistent with being inflicted between 2:00 and 5:30,
- 22 the day before Rachel's death -- this is on the April 12th
- 23 transcript at Page 117 -- and he said yes. But subsequently in
- 24 his testimony he was asked a similar question by Kathy again --
- 25 or by Ms. Mayer again, I apologize -- and at that point he said

- 1 that at any time in the 24 hours prior to that would be
- 2 consistent, so that time frame would be possible.
- In addition, Dr. Seifert, the emergency room doctor who
- 4 testified at trial, discussed the peritonitis, which is the
- 5 infectious process that ultimately took Rachel's life and
- 6 ultimately killed her, stated that process could take from
- 7 hours to days.
- 8 So the timing, while he did -- while Dr. Howard did agree
- 9 it was consistent with that short time period, I disagree that
- 10 the trial evidence absolutely said it had to be during that
- 11 time period.
- But, regardless, I think that the evidence that we're going
- 13 to hear from Dr. Ophoven, who the Court may have encountered,
- 14 she's a well known defense expert, Dr. McKay, who is an
- 15 emergency room doctor, and Dr. Howard, will establish that
- 16 really the timing is variable here, that you can't completely
- 17 pinpoint when someone would suffer an injury like that.
- So Dr. Ophoven has a little bit of a longer time window
- 19 than the afternoon of May 1st, but I think the experts will
- 20 agree there are some variables specific to each individual that
- 21 influence the timeline, which makes, of course, the
- 22 circumstantial evidence that the police developed much more
- 23 relevant to the analysis.
- 24 Finally, in addition to the medical evidence -- because
- 25 really this case comes down to three things: The

- 1 circumstantial evidence of Jones' quilt, the eye witness
- 2 testimony from the Lopez children who saw him striking Rachel,
- 3 and then the medical evidence as well.
- 4 And Mr. Sandman will attempt to discredit the eye witness
- 5 testimony on various grounds. He'll call an individual named
- 6 Mr. Gruen, and he'll opine that the Lopez children could not
- 7 see the attack in the van. And you'll recall that the children
- 8 testified that they were standing in a parking lot and saw
- 9 Mr. Jones drive by in his car and saw him hitting Rachel Gray.
- 10 I think after cross-examination of Mr. Gruen is complete, it
- 11 will be clear that he can't conclusively say that the Lopez
- 12 didn't see what they said they saw.
- In addition, Jones has admitted that he was driving in that
- 14 parking lot with his -- with Rachel in his yellow van. So the
- 15 circumstantial evidence again corroborates what the Lopez
- 16 children are saying, regardless of what Mr. Gruen says.
- 17 So at the end of the hearing we'll ask the Court to reject
- 18 Mr. Jones' claim. With that, I will conclude and turn to the
- 19 evidence, with the Court's permission.
- THE COURT: Yes. Thank you.
- 21 Ready for your first witness? Or do you want a moment
- 22 to shift gears?
- MR. SANDMAN: Could we, Your Honor, please?
- 24 THE COURT: Okay. We are going to take a 10-minute
- 25 break. Thank you.

- 1 (A recess was taken from 10:27 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.)
- THE COURT: All right. Mr. Sandman, will you call
- 3 your first witness.
- 4 MR. SANDMAN: Your Honor, we'll be calling Leslie
- 5 Bowman.
- THE CLERK: If you'll please step into the witness
- 7 stand and remain standing to be sworn. Please raise your right
- 8 hand.
- 9 **LESLIE BOWMAN,** WITNESS, SWORN
- 10 THE COURT: Mr. Sandman.
- MR. SANDMAN: Thank you.
- 12 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 13 BY MR. SANDMAN:
- 14 Q. Good morning.
- 15 A. Good morning.
- 16 Q. Could you state your name for the record, please.
- 17 A. Yes. My name is Leslie Bowman.
- 18 Q. Could you tell us, what is your current employment?
- 19 A. Currently, working as a United States Magistrate Judge.
- 20 Q. How long have you been in that position?
- 21 A. It's been about five and a half years.
- 22 Q. Can you tell us, when did you graduate from law school?
- 23 A. I graduated from law school in May of 1982.
- Q. And when were you then admitted to the bar?
- 25 A. On May 15th of 1993.

- 1 Q. So you had a span there of a little over 10 years between
- 2 graduation and obtaining your license to practice law?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 O. You're a member of the Arizona bar?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Can you tell us, what was your first job after gaining
- 7 admission to the bar?
- 8 A. I went into private practice with Sean Bruner.
- 9 Q. Did Mr. Bruner have an established practice at the time?
- 10 A. He did. He was practicing with a small firm, but he left
- 11 that firm when we went into practice together.
- 12 Q. Was Mr. Bruner a law school classmate of yours also?
- 13 A. He was.
- 14 Q. So you established the firm in 1993?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And was the firm primarily, although not exclusively, a
- 17 criminal defense firm?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Did the firm handle privately retained criminal matters?
- 20 A. Yes, it did.
- 21 Q. Did some of those privately retained criminal matters
- 22 include drug cases?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Did Mr. Bruner have sort of a subspecialty in drug defense
- 25 cases and drug forfeiture cases?

- 1 A. Yeah --
- 2 Q. Not specialty in the terms of being certified by the bar
- 3 necessarily, but was that a concentration of his practice?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Was he working on a lot of those types of cases when you
- 6 formed the partnership in '93?
- 7 A. I don't remember specifically, but he probably was.
- 8 Q. Okay. And could the fees paid into those privately
- 9 retained drug cases go into the high five figures?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. During the first couple of years of your practice, which
- 12 would -- I think you'll likely tell us that's when you started
- 13 representing Mr. Jones, was the firm generating those type of
- 14 high fee cases and drug cases and forfeitures?
- 15 A. Yes, it was.
- 16 Q. You know you're here today to discuss your prior
- 17 representation of Barry Lee Jones, is that right?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Did you represent him in connection with charges of the
- 20 murder of Rachel Gray?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And associated charges of sexual and physical abuse?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. And were you ever formally appointed to represent
- 25 Mr. Jones?

- 1 A. I was not.
- 2 Q. Who was formally appointed to represent him?
- 3 A. Sean Bruner was the counsel that was appointed.
- 4 Q. Did you nevertheless assist Mr. Bruner in the
- 5 representation of Mr. Jones?
- 6 A. I did.
- 7 Q. Prior to today, have you had the opportunity to review the
- 8 Bruner and Bowman trial counsel file?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And you previously gave a deposition in this case, is that
- 11 right?
- 12 A. Yes, I did.
- 13 Q. Did you have an opportunity to review your deposition and
- 14 the attendant deposition exhibits?
- 15 A. I did.
- 16 Q. I want to show you a copy of the indictment, if we could,
- 17 that was filed against Mr. Jones. Do you recognize that as the
- indictment filed against Mr. Jones in case CR-45587?
- 19 A. Yes, I do.
- 20 MR. SANDMAN: I might just say for the record that
- 21 this is not part of the exhibits, Your Honor, but it is part of
- 22 the state court record which the Court has in its entirety.
- 23 THE COURT: All right. So there is no exhibit number
- 24 associated with this? Again, for purposes of the record, I
- 25 want to make sure that we create a record that an appellate

- 1 court can follow. If it's part of another file, if you could
- 2 sort of indicate precisely where that can be found.
- 3 MR. SANDMAN: Okay.
- 4 THE COURT: It is a part of the record in this case.
- 5 MR. SANDMAN: It is part of the record in this case
- 6 and it's part of the state court trial record, which was
- 7 delivered or caused to be delivered to this Court by the
- 8 Arizona Supreme Court some years ago.
- 9 BY MR. SANDMAN:
- 10 Q. I may have asked you this, but do you recognize this as the
- 11 indictment?
- MR. SANDMAN: And can we see the next page? It goes
- onto the next page. Page 2. No?
- 14 BY MR. SANDMAN:
- 15 Q. While we're looking for that, the indictment charges that
- 16 the sexual and physical abuse of Rachel occurred on or about
- 17 May 1, 1994. Is that what it says?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Do you recall whether Mr. Jones was convicted of murder and
- 20 the other charges in the indictment?
- 21 A. Yes, he was.
- 22 Q. And did you and Mr. Bruner both represent Mr. Jones at his
- 23 trial?
- 24 A. We did.
- 25 Q. Do you recall where Mr. Jones was living at the time of

- 1 Rachel's death?
- 2 A. He was living in a trailer park on Benson Highway; I don't
- 3 recall the exact address.
- 4 Q. Do you remember who he was living there with?
- 5 A. He was living with the mother of Rachel, which was Angela
- 6 Gray. Also, I think Mr. Jones' daughter, Brandie. I'm not
- 7 sure if she was there all the time, but she was there. And
- 8 then Angela had two other children, I think Jonathan and Becky.
- 9 Or Rebecca.
- 10 Q. In your review of the case materials, did that help refresh
- 11 your memory of the areas of responsibility, the chief areas of
- 12 responsibility, you had in connection with representation of
- 13 Mr. Jones?
- 14 A. Yes, it did.
- 15 Q. Could you tell us what were the areas that you primarily
- 16 focused on?
- 17 A. I was responsible for conducting the pretrial interviews of
- 18 the witnesses. I contacted the investigator, at least one of
- 19 the experts. There may have only been one. And also I had a
- 20 fair amount of contact with Mr. Jones and with his family.
- 21 Q. Did you also attend some of the pretrial court hearings?
- 22 A. Yes, I did.
- 23 Q. I'd like to show you what's been marked as Exhibit 24A,
- 24 which is -- obviously it's one of the admitted exhibits, and it
- 25 is a transcript of a hearing dated June 22, 1994, which would

- 1 have been just probably about five weeks after -- six weeks
- 2 after the indictment. Or after the arrest of Mr. Jones for the
- 3 May 2nd death of Rachel. Is that right?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. If you could turn to Page 2.
- 6 THE COURT: You said this is one of the admitted
- 7 exhibits?
- 8 MR. SANDMAN: Yes, 24A.
- 9 THE COURT: That's fine. Go ahead.
- 10 MR. SANDMAN: Is there any way to make that bigger?
- 11 Or is that as big as it...?
- 12 BY MR. SANDMAN:
- 13 Q. Do you see -- I'm looking at down around Line 8 there.
- 14 Were you the attorney appearing for Mr. Jones at this hearing?
- 15 A. Yes, I was.
- 16 Q. Then down at around 18, if we could scroll down there. Do
- 17 you see this is a pretrial conference hearing with the Court?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. On the next page, Page 3, around Line 12 through 18. Lines
- 20 12 through 18. Do you see there the Court has asked about the
- 21 status of disclosure?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. What is the Court referring to there, do you know?
- 24 A. I believe the Court was -- well, the discussion had to do
- 25 with whether we'd received disclosure yet from the state.

- 1 O. Okay. Is it part of the Arizona laws of a criminal
- 2 procedure that the prosecution discloses all the police reports
- 3 and other aspects of the investigation to defense counsel?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Ms. Mayer responds at page, excuse me, at Line 15. Who is
- 6 Ms. Mayer?
- 7 A. I think that was Kathleen Mayer.
- 8 Q. Mayer. Sorry.
- 9 A. The prosecutor in this case.
- 10 Q. And she indicates that since the beginning of the month,
- 11 which would be June, they started making their disclosure.
- 12 Correct?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. So there hadn't been any disclosure in May. They started
- 15 disclosing, according to her, in June. Is that right?
- 16 A. I don't remember. And I am not sure if this was the
- 17 initial disclosure or if she was just talking about what she
- 18 disclosed --
- 19 Q. Okay.
- 20 A. -- that month. I can't remember.
- 21 Q. Fair enough. On Page 6 of this transcript, at the top of
- the page, there's a reference to setting a new trial date. Do
- 23 you see that?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. And the Court inquired -- or the Court noted a date of

- 1 October 11 and then inquired of you are you going to try the
- 2 case or Sean, do you see that?
- 3 A. I do.
- 4 Q. Could you read into the record what your response was?
- 5 A. I responded: At this point I have handled the entire case,
- 6 so I may be trying the case.
- 7 Q. So at least as of the June 22nd hearing, you believed or
- 8 were forecasting that it might be you actually rather than
- 9 Mr. Bruner who would be trying the case, is that right?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And you indicated that you had been handling the whole
- 12 matter at least through May and most of June on your own. Had
- 13 you ever represented a capital defendant on your own before?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. Had you ever tried a capital case on your own before?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Was your law practice fairly busy at that point in time?
- 18 A. It was.
- 19 Q. Okay. I'd like to show you Exhibit 12, if we could bring
- 20 that up.
- THE COURT: Again, this is already admitted?
- MR. SANDMAN: Yes, Your Honor. I'll only be referring
- 23 to exhibits that have been admitted.
- 24 THE COURT: That's fine.
- 25 MR. SANDMAN: I'll be very careful not to refer to any

- 1 that have not been. But Exhibit 12, Your Honor, has been
- 2 admitted, and this is the summary of the billing record. I
- 3 wonder if we could make that -- enlarge that picture of the
- 4 front page of the billing summary.
- 5 BY MR. SANDMAN:
- 6 Q. Do you see there, on the left-hand column, there's dates
- 7 and descriptions of work?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. If we can scroll down a little bit further to at least June
- 10 22nd. There you go.
- 11 Do you see there's an entry there on June 22nd for
- 12 appearance of pretrial conference?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. So even though you were not appointed officially as counsel
- 15 for Mr. Jones, is it true that you were recording your time and
- 16 submitting that time as part of the billing that went to the
- 17 Court in this matter?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Is it your -- is it true then that most -- at least most of
- 20 the work done throughout May and June was done by you, is that
- 21 right?
- 22 A. It must have been, yes.
- 23 Q. On the topic of billing, did the firm have -- what was the
- 24 billing system in place for recording and tracking time?
- 25 A. We had -- we had time sheets. This was quite a long time

- 1 ago; everything was done by hand. But we had blank time sheets
- 2 that we always had with us, whether that be at our desk or in
- 3 our file. And when we performed a task, we would put the date,
- 4 we would put the -- our file number, not the case number but
- 5 our own file number. We would put our client's name, then a
- 6 brief description of whatever the task was. And then, just
- 7 like you see on Exhibit 12, we had it broken down by in court,
- 8 out of court and different tasks, and then we would write a
- 9 number, billing by point one or in six-minute increments.
- 10 Q. Okay. With respect to a lot of criminal matters -- not
- 11 this case but on privately retained cases -- were those fees
- just sort of paid? They weren't hourly necessarily, were they?
- 13 A. No, they weren't. There was a retainer paid up front
- 14 and....
- 15 O. That was the fee.
- 16 A. That was the fee.
- 17 Q. And in appointed cases where you had to track time, did you
- 18 make an effort to try to keep track of your time and document
- 19 it appropriately?
- 20 A. Yes, we did.
- 21 Q. I'd like you to take a look at the last page of Exhibit 12.
- 22 That would be Page 6. I wonder if we could scroll up just a
- 23 bit so we could see the categories at the top of the page.
- 24 Okay.
- 25 So this final page of the summary indicates some totals for

- 1 various things that were done in the case, various work
- 2 performed. And you see -- I'd like to draw your attention to
- 3 the bottom right-hand corner. Actually, the bottom left-hand
- 4 corner, where it says total pretrial out-of-court time. On the
- 5 bottom left side.
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. If you run over to the left-hand side you'll see 190. In
- 8 this capital case there was 190.5 hours billed out of court.
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Can you take that off the screen, please.
- Do you see, with respect to out-of-court time, there was
- 12 billing -- out of 190 hours, of all of the pretrial time, there
- 13 are 50 -- a little over 50 hours for client contact and contact
- 14 with the client's family, do you see that?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. That's in the second column over from the right -- left.
- 17 Do you see that column?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. As between you and Mr. Bruner, was that mostly your time?
- 20 A. Probably, it was.
- 21 Q. Because you were spending more time with the client?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. And his family?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. And then I note there is some -- in addition, there is a

- 1 column right in the middle or toward the right. Amanda Gray
- 2 Trial. Do you see that? Attended Gray trial.
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. With 17.6 hours?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. In your review of the record in this case, have you had --
- 7 determined who, between you and Mr. Bruner, attended that
- 8 trial?
- 9 A. I believe that was me.
- 10 Q. So you did that. And then there was a -- there was witness
- 11 interviews in the case of 39 -- I guess it was 39.3 hours. Was
- 12 that substantially all your time in the case, interviewing the
- 13 witnesses?
- 14 A. I think it was.
- 15 Q. If you total those up, that's about half the time of the
- 16 pretrial time, is that right?
- 17 A. You're asking me to do math. Can you remind me what you're
- 18 asking me to total?
- 19 Q. It was 190 hours.
- 20 A. Okay. And you're asking for the total of the client and
- 21 family contact with the witness interviews?
- 22 Q. And attending the Gray trial.
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Did you also do some legal research and writing on the
- 25 case?

- 1 A. I don't remember that.
- 2 Q. And did you -- in order to do the witness interviews, did
- 3 you have to review records?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. What is the total amount of out-of-court time on record
- 6 review on the billing?
- 7 A. 45.6.
- 8 Q. 45.6 hours?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Do you recall George Barnett?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. I'd like to -- tell me what you recall about Mr. Barnett
- 13 and his role in this case?
- 14 A. I remember that we contacted him early on and asked him to
- 15 help us with the investigation.
- 16 Q. And do you remember -- well, let me withdraw that.
- 17 Let's take a look, if we could, at Exhibit 16, which is in
- 18 evidence. If we could enlarge that somewhat. If you could
- 19 scroll down.
- Do you recognize Exhibit 16 as a report dated May 19, 1994,
- 21 you received from Mr. Barnett?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. As part of your preparation, or as part of your review of
- 24 the record in this case, have you recently reviewed this
- 25 document?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. I'd like to walk through some of this document in terms
- 3 of -- so we can establish some of the things that you learned
- 4 from Mr. Barnett and get those on the record.
- 5 Do you see in the first paragraph that Mr. Barnett
- 6 indicates that he received the inquiry regarding this case from
- 7 you rather than Mr. Bruner?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And at the bottom of the first paragraph he indicates that
- 10 he actually had a conference with you on May 9th, 1994,
- 11 correct?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. That would have been less than a week after you were
- 14 appointed to represent Mr. Jones. Excuse me, after Mr. Bruner
- 15 was appointed.
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 Q. It indicates after the meeting he went out to 4501 East
- 18 Benson Highway. Do you see that in the middle -- in the second
- 19 paragraph?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. If we could scroll down a little bit to look at that bottom
- 22 paragraph. Mr. Barnett made contact with a Judy Chavez, who is
- 23 the manager at Desert Vista Apartments.
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. She informed Mr. Barnett that Mr. Jones had lived in the

- 1 trailer park for about five years.
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. She indicated that he was very quiet and polite.
- 4 A. She did.
- 5 Q. And that -- near the bottom of the page, I think the last
- 6 sentence there, that she said quite some number of the children
- 7 in the trailer park all seemed to like him very much.
- 8 Referring to Mr. Jones.
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And she told him that he was well liked by all the children
- 11 and that they tended to congregate in the area near his
- 12 residence, do you see that?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Also at the very bottom of the page, she noted that it was
- only five weeks prior to May 9th, which would have been early
- 16 April, that Angela had moved into the trailer.
- 17 Can we see the next page. I think that's the last line of
- 18 that -- Page 1.
- 19 Did you see the reference to Angela moving in in early
- 20 April?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Okay. In the top paragraph there, do you see Ms. Chavez
- 23 makes a reference at the bottom of the first full paragraph
- 24 that Angela was frequently yelling at the children when Barry
- 25 was not present at the residence?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. And also, in the next paragraph, do you see that Ms. Chavez
- 3 indicates that she saw Rachel with two black eyes?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And that she had been informed that Rachel tripped over a
- 6 dog?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Then the next person that Mr. Barnett interviewed was
- 9 indicated at the bottom of that page, Page 2. That he
- 10 contacted the occupant of Trailer 22, a Susan Hopkins, who
- 11 lived directly south of Mr. Jones.
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And did Ms. Hopkins inform Mr. Barnett that she had also
- 14 known Mr. Jones for five years?
- 15 A. Yes, she did.
- 16 Q. And did she tell Mr. Barnett that Mr. Jones was extremely
- 17 nice to all the kids in the park?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And at the bottom of that page, did she also reiterate that
- 20 Angela had just moved in four to five weeks prior?
- 21 A. Yes, she did.
- 22 Q. And the next page.
- 23 And that Angela is always screaming at their four children,
- 24 that's at Page 3, when Barry was not present. Do you see that?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. So now you have at least two people telling Barnett that
- 2 there's -- some of Angela's behaviors in respect to the
- 3 children that only happen when Barry is not there, is that
- 4 right?
- 5 A. Yes, it is.
- 6 Q. In the top paragraph there, Ms. Hopkins says that she's
- 7 observed Ms. Gray threaten the children with bodily harm. Do
- 8 you see that at the top of the page there?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Then in the next paragraph, on Page 3, around the middle of
- 11 that paragraph, Ms. Hopkins indicates, in recounting her five
- 12 years of knowing this man, that he was extremely docile with
- 13 the children, and that all the parents felt very secure with
- 14 their children playing in the area when Barry was present. Do
- 15 you see that?
- 16 A. I do see that.
- 17 O. Then on the next paragraph, where it says Susan Hopkins'
- 18 personal opinion. If we could scroll down. Indicated that
- 19 Angela was a screamer. Do you see that? And that Barry would
- 20 leave when she became overly aggressive. Do you see that?
- 21 Further down in that paragraph?
- 22 A. Yes, I do.
- 23 Q. Then the final person that Mr. Barnett spoke to in the
- 24 trailer park was a Shirley DeVous, from Space 24, who lived
- 25 directly north of Mr. Jones. Do you see that?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. She indicated to Mr. Barnett that from the time that Angela
- 3 moved into the -- Mr. Jones' trailer, that she did not let her
- 4 kids play with others near Barry's residence. Do you see that?
- 5 A. I do.
- 6 Q. She also, by the way, ratified that Angela had only been
- 7 there four or five weeks, correct?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And Ms. DeVous stated that, quote, Angela yelled and was
- 10 abusive towards the children. Do you see that?
- 11 A. I do.
- 12 Q. And she went on to describe Mr. Jones as an extremely good
- 13 person with all the kids, including her daughters, is that
- 14 right?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. She recounts that Mr. Jones went out of his way to help
- 17 people in the trailer park?
- 18 A. Yes, she did.
- 19 Q. And the next page.
- 20 At the top of the next page, Ms. DeVous, like Mr. Jones'
- other neighbor, Ms. Hopkins, described Angela as a screamer?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. And in that paragraph she indicates to Mr. Barnett, a few
- 24 lines down, that Barry would never strike anybody. Do you see
- 25 that?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Then if we go down a little bit further. I want to ask
- 3 you -- this is the second to the last paragraph on the page.
- 4 So we have to go down to the -- down the page.
- 5 There is a discussion in this paragraph specifically about
- 6 Sunday, May 1st, 1994. Do you see that?
- 7 A. I do.
- 8 Q. And Barnett learns from Ms. DeVous that she had observed
- 9 the kids playing in that area. They were all playing around
- 10 the front of Mr. Jones' trailer, which was not unusual. Right?
- 11 A. Right.
- 12 Q. And she said she observed Rachel specifically in the late
- 13 afternoon.
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Does she anywhere in her description of Rachel there, in
- 16 late afternoon, indicate that Rachel looked like she had been
- 17 physically beaten and sexually assaulted in the late afternoon?
- 18 A. No. She said she seemed to be happy and in good spirits
- 19 with no physical difficulties.
- 20 Q. Then on the final paragraph, Mr. Jones' neighbor here,
- 21 Ms. DeVous, tells Mr. Barnett Barry would hardly, or never,
- 22 raise his voice to children, and was probably more tolerant
- 23 than any other individual in the entire trailer park, and never
- 24 abused children in any manner. Do you see that?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Now, this -- had you been out to that trailer park when you
- 2 represented Mr. Jones?
- 3 A. During the representation. Maybe not before this, but,
- 4 yes, I was.
- 5 Q. This was a lower economic type area in Tucson?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And amongst all the people living in the trailer park,
- 8 Mr. Barnett learned from Ms. DeVous that he's more tolerant
- 9 than anybody else living there, is that right?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Now, next page. In the second paragraph, Ms. DeVous
- 12 recounts that, over Angela's objection, Barry -- excuse me.
- 13 Well, she says Barry would never hurt a child, in the second
- 14 paragraph.
- 15 I want to scroll down now to the second to the last
- 16 paragraph, because that gets back to Sunday afternoon, May 1st.
- 17 She says, concerning Sunday afternoon, May 1st, she had
- observed Rachel on a bike around 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Do you see
- 19 that?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Again, no indication that Rachel looked like someone had
- 22 harmed her that late afternoon, is that right?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- 24 Q. Now, if we could go to the next page, Page 6. The last
- 25 paragraph.

- 1 In that paragraph, Mr. Barnett indicates that he had
- 2 returned to the office and spoke with Joe Chavez, who
- 3 co-managed the property with Judy Chavez. That was the -- Judy
- 4 was the first person named in the report, right?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And in the interview, Mr. Barnett's interview of Joe
- 7 Chavez, he states, quote: He was aware that a two-year-old
- 8 boy, who was slightly large for his age, had struck Rachel in
- 9 the stomach with either a stick or an iron bar. Do you see
- 10 that?
- 11 A. I do.
- 12 Q. Mr. Chavez goes on to inform Mr. Barnett that the mother of
- 13 the two-year-old boy, Stephanie Fleming, actually packed her
- 14 things the morning of May 2nd when she heard about Rachel's
- death and moved within two hours without notifying the office.
- 16 Do you see that?
- 17 A. I do.
- 18 Q. And Mr. Chavez says that -- this is about five lines from
- 19 the bottom -- that he was informed by neighbors that Fleming
- 20 was scared to death after hearing about the arrest and was
- 21 further concerned that not only would Child Protective Services
- 22 become involved concerning her children, but she was apparently
- 23 in great fear that her son would be responsible for some of the
- 24 injuries received by Rachel on Sunday. Do you see that?
- 25 A. Yes, I do.

- 1 Q. Now, do you know or did you ever ask Mr. Barnett to find
- 2 out who those neighbors were, the neighbors that informed
- 3 Mr. Chavez for Ms. Fleming's motivation to pack up within two
- 4 hours of learning of Rachel's death and moving out?
- 5 A. I don't remember, but I think if I had, there would have
- 6 been some kind of report about that.
- 7 Q. If you had done it there would be a report. And if there
- 8 is not a report, then you hadn't done it. Is that what you're
- 9 saying?
- 10 A. That's probably true.
- 11 Q. He goes on to say, at the bottom of Page 3, it was
- 12 indicated that Stephanie Fleming may have somehow intervened
- 13 between her two-year-old son -- we have to go onto the next
- 14 page -- and Rachel (phonetic) may have herself created some
- 15 type of assault on Rachel late the afternoon of Sunday, May
- 16 1st, and was therefore afraid for her own welfare and did not
- 17 wish to get mixed up with the police. Do you see that?
- 18 A. Yes, I do.
- 19 Q. Do you recall having Mr. Barnett follow up on that part of
- 20 the investigation to find out who was it that said that
- 21 Ms. Fleming was concerned that she might be implicated in
- 22 harming Rachel?
- 23 A. I don't remember asking for follow-up.
- 24 Q. Then at the bottom of that first paragraph on Page 7,
- 25 Mr. Chavez stated that Stephanie was hiding out and acting

- 1 weird when officers came to the apartment complex to speak with
- 2 tenants. Do you know whether Mr. Barnett was ever instructed
- 3 to follow up to see who could ratify that behavior?
- 4 A. I don't remember asking for that.
- 5 Q. Then in the next paragraph on Page 7, Mr. Barnett asked
- 6 Mr. Chavez if he had heard anything about Rachel falling out of
- 7 a van, and he stated, yes, that he had heard this from several
- 8 different sources. Do you see that?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Did you ever -- to your knowledge, had Mr. -- did you ever
- 11 ask Mr. Barnett to follow up with respect to who those sources
- 12 were?
- 13 A. I don't remember asking him to do that.
- 14 Q. Then finally at the bottom of that paragraph, Mr. Chavez
- 15 also says that Mr. Jones was very tolerant of the children in
- 16 the trailer park.
- 17 A. Yes, he did say that.
- 18 Q. Now, the last paragraph of Page 7, Mr. Barnett indicates
- 19 that he next left the premises to a different location on
- 20 Benson Highway to speak to a Patty Bennett?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Who was the previous manager of the trailer park.
- 23 A. Yes, he did.
- 24 Q. And she had known Mr. Jones for approximately four years,
- 25 is that right?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. And the next page. Starting from the middle paragraph on
- 3 down. Let me just go down from where you are on the page.
- 4 Okay. This is Page 8 of Exhibit 16.
- 5 Mr. Barnett here learned about some information about the
- 6 man who Angela lived with before she lived with Barry, a guy
- 7 named Zoly. Do you see that?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And in the third paragraph on Page 8, Ms. Bennett informed
- 10 Mr. Barnett that, quote, Angela was afraid of Zoly and made
- 11 contact with a third party to go over and take her children
- 12 away from Zoly. Do you see that?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Did you ever ask Mr. Barnett to find out or to investigate
- that point, as to the possibility that this Zoly fellow may
- 16 have been abusive or harmed any of the children?
- 17 A. I don't remember if we asked him to do that. I saw some
- 18 things in my notes that talked about trying to locate him, but
- 19 I don't think that was through Mr. Barnett because there is no
- 20 report.
- 21 Q. Now, at the very final -- let me just ask you, do you
- 22 believe that Mr. Barnett provided you with some information
- 23 that was deserving of further investigation in this report?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. If I could have you -- I'd like to turn to Page 15 of the

- 1 report, which is where the report ends. Page 15.
- I wanted to ask you about the large paragraph.
- 3 If we could enlarge that. We need to scroll down a little
- 4 bit to see it.
- 5 In the final paragraph, Mr. Barnett reports that he had a
- 6 debriefing with you on May 18, 1994. Do you see that?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And it was indicated to Mr. Barnett that the amount set
- 9 aside for time, milage and expenses concerning the
- 10 investigation had become financially infeasible, and so he was
- 11 basically told to stand down at that point. Is that right?
- 12 That's what he reports.
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Now I want to show you what's in evidence as Exhibit 20.
- 15 If we could enlarge that. Exhibit 20, in evidence, is a motion
- 16 for appointment of investigator. It is shown in the upper
- 17 right-hand corner as filed July 14, 1994.
- 18 Have you seen this document previously?
- 19 A. I have.
- 20 Q. If we could scroll down the page.
- 21 First of all, this motion seeks the appointment of an
- 22 investigator, is that right?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. At the bottom of the page it indicates that the
- 25 investigator has billed \$445 for services rendered?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. There's a statement attached actually to. It, we'll get to
- 3 that. But the motion then goes on to say he's located and
- 4 interviewed potential witnesses that have provided information
- 5 relevant to possible -- we need to go to the next page, at the
- 6 top of the page. So the sentence that I was just reading goes
- 7 on to say that Mr. Barnett had interviewed and located
- 8 potential witnesses that have provided information relevant to
- 9 possible defenses in this case.
- 10 Would you agree that the initial report did accomplish
- 11 that, the one that we just read, Exhibit 16?
- 12 A. Yes, it did.
- 13 Q. Then this motion goes on to say there remains several
- 14 unanswered questions and several potential witnesses that have
- 15 not been located. This information is critical to the defense.
- 16 Do you see that?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 O. Then there's a reference to the fact that Mr. Barnett is
- 19 willing to continue to work on the case.
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Then if we can go to Page 4 of this document. The next
- 22 page. You've got to keep going until you get to the bill.
- 23 It's the second to the last page of the document.
- While we're looking for that, in your examination of the
- 25 file, the trial counsel file, did you find any evidence that

- 1 Mr. Barnett had ever done any additional work on the case after
- 2 the filing of this July 14, 1994 motion?
- 3 A. I think it was after that that we asked him to take some
- 4 measurements of the van.
- 5 Q. Did you find any evidence though that he had ever tracked
- 6 down witnesses that were, according to this motion in Exhibit
- 7 20, that were critical to the defense?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. And if he did do that work, should there be some evidence
- 10 either in your file, as well as the court file, containing the
- 11 billing records of investigators and experts?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And do you have any explanation for why additional work
- 14 product for Mr. Barnett does not appear in either the Superior
- 15 Court record or in your file?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 O. We finally pulled up the attachment to Exhibit 20.
- I was going to ask you, does this look -- is this the
- 19 billing that was initially submitted for the work Mr. Barnett
- 20 did in early May, '94?
- 21 A. That's what it appears to be.
- 22 Q. If we could take a look at Exhibit 21, please.
- 23 Exhibit 21 is an order that was filed in the state court
- 24 proceedings in Mr. Jones' case, dated July 14, 1994, and can
- 25 you tell us what this order is?

- 1 A. It indicates that the Judge approved \$500 or authorized
- 2 \$500 to be paid for the investigator.
- 3 Q. I want to turn now to Exhibit 24D, as in "David."
- 4 Exhibit 24D is a transcript from the proceedings in the
- 5 state court in Mr. Jones' case dated July 14, 1994.
- If you could take a look at Page 2. Did you review this
- 7 document as part of your review of the record in connection
- 8 with these proceedings?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. At the first page the Judge notes, at Line 13, there's a
- 11 serious question in front of him, is that right?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Then if we go ahead to -- well, I'm at Page -- is it
- 14 Ms. Mayer? I always pronounce her name wrong.
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. At Line 17, she says that we knew that something was in the
- works because there had been a request not to release the body.
- 18 Do you see that?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Is it your understanding based on your review of the record
- 21 and this transcript that now some -- over two months after
- 22 Rachel's death that she had not -- her remains had not been put
- 23 to rest. Is that right?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. And then at -- then on the next page, Mr. Bruner tells the

- 1 Court that essentially that he needs an expert --
- THE COURT: I'm sorry, what line are you on?
- 3 MR. SANDMAN: Starting at Line 8.
- 4 THE COURT: Could you indulge me and make it a little
- 5 bigger? Because I'm having a hard time seeing.
- 6 MR. SANDMAN: Yeah, we'll need to enlarge that. Just
- 7 really from Line 10 to the bottom, if we could enlarge that.
- 8 THE COURT: Thank you.
- 9 MR. SANDMAN: So we'll need to get the bottom half of
- 10 that page.
- 11 BY MR. SANDMAN:
- 12 Q. So if we look at -- starting at actually Line 11,
- 13 Mr. Bruner indicates that he needs somebody independent to
- 14 review the autopsy report. Do you see that?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And he goes on to say that he doesn't want to have another
- 17 autopsy done unless it would be absolutely necessary. Correct?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. And he notes at Line 21 that in the past what we had been
- 20 able to do was to get them to release the slides of the tissue
- 21 sections and whatever they use in determining this, just have
- 22 the report and those slides reviewed by somebody else, and he
- 23 would like that done. Is that what he tells the Court?
- 24 A. Yes, it is.
- 25 Q. Then on the next page, Page 4, at the top of the page.

- 1 Mr. Bruner went on to say, that, quote, the sooner we can get
- 2 that done, the sooner we can -- I mean, I certainly don't want
- 3 to be the person who is holding up the burial of this baby, you
- 4 know, just a standard request.
- 5 So was it a priority at least at the time of this hearing
- 6 to get somebody to advise you whether the body could be
- 7 released or whether another autopsy would need to be done
- 8 first?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And at Page 5, if we could go there. And scroll down just
- 11 a bit. Line 7. The Judge authorizes a maximum of a thousand
- 12 dollars, and indicates that he's appalled that the burial has
- 13 been pending, correct?
- 14 A. That is correct.
- 15 Q. If we could see Exhibit 22. And make that a little bigger
- 16 so we can see it. Just the bottom. From around the middle of
- 17 the page down.
- 18 MR. SANDMAN: This is in evidence, Your Honor.
- 19 Exhibit 22 is a minute entry, July 14, 1994. We need to scroll
- 20 down so we can see what it says.
- 21 THE COURT: For the record, what page of this exhibit
- 22 are you on?
- MR. SANDMAN: This is Page 1 of exhibit.
- 24 THE COURT: Thank you.
- MR. SANDMAN: Exhibit 22.

- 1 BY MR. SANDMAN:
- 2 Q. At the very top of the minute entry there, it says:
- 3 Hearing Re Defendant's Motion for Appointment of
- 4 Investigator/Ex Parte Motion for Appointment to Review Autopsy.
- 5 Is that right?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And the Court authorized a thousand dollars for that -- for
- 8 someone to review the autopsy, is that right?
- 9 A. Yes, he did.
- 10 Q. Now, as part of your review of the trial file, did you
- 11 review -- have an opportunity to review again the autopsy that
- was done in this case by Dr. John Howard?
- 13 A. I did.
- MR. SANDMAN: Can we see Exhibit 52, please.
- 15 BY MR. SANDMAN:
- 16 Q. Exhibit 52 is in evidence as the autopsy performed on
- 17 Rachel Gray, May 3, '94. Can we go to the next page? We'll
- 18 need to enlarge that top half of the page. Scroll down just a
- 19 little bit more.
- 20 Do you recognize this portion of the autopsy as describing
- 21 the injuries that were determined for Rachel at the time of the
- 22 autopsy?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Can you scroll down a little bit further, please, on the
- 25 document. You can see there the ultimate opinion of

- 1 Dr. Howard, the death was caused by small bowel laceration due
- 2 to blunt abdominal trauma. It was signed by John Howard,
- 3 right?
- 4 A. Yes, it is.
- 5 Q. In your recent examination of this report, did you see
- 6 anything in the report where Dr. Howard described, in terms of
- 7 hours or days, the time between the infliction of Rachel's
- 8 injuries and her death?
- 9 A. No, there's nothing in there like that.
- 10 Q. We'll take a look next at Exhibit 58. If we could blow up
- 11 the top half of that page.
- 12 Do you recognize what this is?
- 13 A. Yes, it's a fax cover sheet.
- 14 Q. And it's dated August 10, 1994?
- 15 A. Yes, it is.
- 16 Q. So this would have been a few weeks after that July 14
- 17 hearing, where there was some expressed concern about getting
- 18 the autopsy reviewed so we could decide -- so it could be
- 19 decided whether Rachel's body could be buried. Is that right?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. The fax cover sheet indicates that there's a transmission
- from Bruner & Bowman, re Rachel Gray autopsy, 10 pages. Is
- 23 that right?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Can we see the next page. If we could scroll up just a

- 1 bit. The second page of this exhibit, 58, if we could go up to
- 2 see the letterhead on the document.
- 3 Can you identify the second page of this exhibit?
- 4 A. Yes. It's a letter sent on July 20th, 1994, to Dr. Keen.
- 5 Q. Did you send this letter? Or did you sign it?
- 6 A. I did.
- 7 Q. If we could scroll down on that first -- further down on
- 8 the page.
- 9 This letter addressed to Dr. Keen, do you remember who
- 10 Dr. Keen was?
- 11 A. I think -- I am not sure if he was the Maricopa County
- 12 medical examiner, but he was some type of a forensic expert in
- 13 Phoenix.
- 14 Q. In the first paragraph of the letter, you thank him for
- 15 agreeing to review the autopsy report, correct?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Then you indicated to him that you had several questions,
- 18 and that when you next discuss the case, you hope to be able to
- 19 ask for more specific information. Do you see that?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Then you confirm with him that Dr. Keen has explained to
- 22 you that his review may involve obtaining access to
- 23 photographs, slides, and other physical evidence. Is that
- 24 right?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. And you indicated that can be arranged.
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Then you pose a series of questions, including in Paragraph
- 4 2: How long after the injury occurred would this child die?
- 5 Do you see that?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. You also posed a question: Can the injury be dated?
- 8 Correct?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Then at the bottom of the page you ask him if the injury to
- 11 the genitalia can be dated.
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Let's go on to the next page. I think, as you indicated,
- 14 that on the second page you were the one who signed the letter.
- 15 A. That's correct.
- 16 Q. Now, in the letter, did you inform Dr. Keen of any findings
- 17 that Dr. Howard had made, if any, regarding the time between
- 18 Rachel's injuries and her death?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. Do you know, from your review of your own file, could you
- 21 identify any evidence that at least at the time you wrote this
- letter in January of '94 that you had any information at all
- 23 from Dr. Howard as to the timing of the injuries? At least as
- 24 far as Dr. Howard was concerned?
- 25 A. Not that I'm aware of.

- 1 Q. Based on your examination of the file, did you find any
- 2 evidence that during the time that you represented Mr. Jones
- 3 that Dr. Keen had ever been informed of Dr. Howard's specific
- 4 findings as to the time between infliction of injuries and
- 5 Rachel's death?
- 6 A. I didn't find anything like that.
- 7 Q. Did you find any evidence in your file suggesting that
- 8 Dr. Keen agreed or disagreed with any findings that Dr. Howard
- 9 ultimately made regarding the timing of the injuries?
- 10 A. I did not find anything like that.
- 11 Q. We talked a few minutes ago about the motion that was filed
- 12 as to a need for further fact investigation by Mr. Barnett, and
- 13 I think you indicated you could not confirm that had ever been
- 14 done. Do you remember that?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. In your examination in the file, could you find any
- 17 evidence that Dr. Keen had actually reviewed tissue slides or
- done any additional work other than reviewing the autopsy in
- 19 this case?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Now, do you remember looking at a billing entry that you
- 22 made for a telephone call with Dr. Keen in this case?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Can we see Exhibit 12? We need to be on the second page of
- 25 that exhibit. Near the top half of the page, for an August 18,

- 1 1994 date. If we could just enlarge that, maybe we can see it.
- 2 Do you see the entry on August 18, 1994?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. It indicates a telephone conference with Dr. Keen and a
- 5 charge of .7 hours?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Do you remember anything about that call?
- 8 A. I don't.
- 9 Q. I assume that means you don't know who participated in that
- 10 call, whether it was you or Mr. Bruner or anything else about
- 11 it?
- 12 A. I don't have a specific memory of that. I assume it's me,
- 13 since I was the one having contact with him. But that may or
- 14 may not be correct.
- 15 Q. I'd have to you I'd like to have you look at Exhibit 36.
- 16 If we could scroll down.
- 17 Exhibit 36 is a letter to Dr. John Howard from the Pima
- 18 County Attorney's Office dated August 22, 1994, just a few days
- 19 after you had your phone call with Dr. Keen. Is that right?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. In this August 22 letter, in Exhibit 36, Dr. Howard is
- 22 informed that defense counsel have agreed to allow the release
- of Rachel Gray's body. Do you see that?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. My question to you is: Can you rule out the possibility

- 1 that all that you talked about with Dr. Keen during the
- 2 single .7-hour conversation you had with him was whether he
- 3 agreed with the -- essentially with the autopsy and that the
- 4 body could be released?
- 5 A. I cannot rule that out.
- 6 Q. Have you had an opportunity previously to review the
- 7 billing records to see whether there were any further billing
- 8 charges associated with Dr. Keen?
- 9 A. I have reviewed them.
- 10 Q. Did you see any further billing charges associated with
- 11 Dr. Keen?
- 12 A. Not that I can recall.
- 13 Q. Did you find in your review of the file that you had any
- 14 further communication or contact with Dr. Keen whatsoever?
- 15 A. I don't -- I don't think I did.
- 16 Q. Now I'd like to have you look next at Exhibit 54.
- 17 MR. SANDMAN: Exhibit 54 is in evidence, Your Honor.
- 18 It is actually the emergency room hospital record dated May
- 19 2nd, 1994, in connection with Rachel's admission to the
- 20 hospital at Kino Hospital here in Tucson.
- 21 BY MR. SANDMAN:
- 22 Q. Have you seen this record previously?
- 23 A. Yes, I have.
- Q. Do you see at the top of the page, under arrival time, it
- 25 says May 2nd, '94, at 0616?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. So arrived at the hospital at a little after 6:00 a.m., is
- 3 that right?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Down further on the page, on the left-hand side, it says
- 6 DOA, do you see that?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. So Rachel was already deceased at the time she went to the
- 9 hospital.
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And at that time -- obviously that document doesn't
- 12 indicate when -- anything regarding the timing of the injuries
- 13 that were inflicted on Rachel, does it? At least that
- 14 document, does it?
- 15 A. No, it doesn't.
- 16 MR. SANDMAN: Can we take a look at Exhibit 63.
- 17 Let me identify Exhibit 63 that's in evidence. We've used
- 18 this document, Your Honor, at some of the depositions, but what
- 19 it is, it's the Arizona Supreme Court direct appeal decision in
- 20 Mr. Jones' case.
- 21 BY MR. SANDMAN:
- 22 Q. Is that what you recognize it as?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. In your recent review of the record have you looked at this
- 25 opinion again?

- 1 A. I have.
- 2 Q. Can we take a look at Page 5? Okay. If we could enlarge
- 3 the couple of paragraphs that are on the right side, the
- 4 right-side column, the first couple of paragraphs there, so we
- 5 can see it.
- 6 Ms. Bowman, there at the beginning of the opinion, the
- 7 Arizona Supreme Court summarizes some of the facts, key facts,
- 8 in Mr. Jones' case, is that right?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. The Court describes, in the first full paragraph in that
- 11 right-hand column, that on the day preceding her death, Rachel
- 12 was hit many times, one blow to her abdomen was so severe that
- 13 it ruptured her small intestine. And then the Court goes on to
- 14 describe her other injuries inflicted on the day prior to her
- 15 death. Correct?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Then in the next paragraph the Court describes what linked
- 18 Mr. Jones to the crime, and they refer to the fact that
- 19 Mr. Jones left his trailer three times and the two children saw
- 20 defendant hitting her while he drove, that the defendant
- 21 stopped at a Quik Mart to get ice for Rachel's head injury, and
- 22 police found traces of Rachel's blood type on defendant's
- 23 clothing and in his van. Do you see that?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. You understand, or do you understand, that to describe some

- of the key evidence that led to Mr. Jones' convictions?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 MR. SANDMAN: Judge, I'm at a point a fairly good
- 4 stopping point. I know we have five minutes left 'til noon,
- 5 but it might --
- 6 THE COURT: Okay. We'll break for lunch and we will
- 7 resume at 1:00 o'clock.
- 8 MR. SANDMAN: Thank you, Judge.
- 9 THE COURT: Thank you.
- 10 (A recess was taken from 11:55 a.m. to 1:23 p.m.)
- 11 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Sandman, you may continue.
- MR. SANDMAN: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 13 BY MR. SANDMAN:
- 14 Q. When we left off, where we left off at the lunch break, I
- 15 think we were looking at the Arizona Supreme Court direct
- 16 appeal opinion in Mr. Jones' case.
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. I think you had just testified that part of the factual
- 19 rendition in the case by the Arizona Supreme Court was based on
- 20 the assumption that all of Rachel's injuries were inflicted on
- 21 the day prior to her death, is that right?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. I'd like to show you a portion of the opening statement
- 24 that Mr. Bruner made at Mr. Jones' jury trial, which is in
- 25 evidence as Exhibit 28.

- 1 You can see there, that's Jury Trial Day 2, April 6, 1995.
- 2 Do you see that?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. I'd like to draw your attention to Page 5. Actually, it's
- 5 Page 60 of the transcript, but it's Page 5 in this PDF series.
- 6 THE COURT: Just to be clear, you're saying it's Page
- 7 5 of the exhibit or Page 5 of something else? I want to make
- 8 sure we are clear about what --
- 9 MR. SANDMAN: It's Page 5 of the exhibit.
- 10 THE COURT: Okay. Go ahead.
- 11 BY MR. SANDMAN:
- 12 Q. It's recorded on what was Page 60 of the transcript for
- 13 that day. I want to just draw your attention to that middle
- 14 paragraph there.
- 15 This is Mr. Bruner telling the jury that everything in this
- 16 case is going to center around what happened on Sunday, May
- 17 1st. Specifically, a couple of disputed hours after Barry woke
- 18 up in the morning and the children were already up around the
- 19 house.
- 20 If we can go down a little bit further to pick up the rest
- 21 of that paragraph so we can see the whole sentence.
- Ms. Bowman, did you have an understanding at the time the
- 23 trial began that the state was going to present evidence that
- 24 Mr. Jones inflicted Rachel's injuries when he was alone with
- 25 her on Sunday afternoon, May 1st?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Necessarily, would it have been reasonable to anticipate
- 3 that the state would present medical evidence that Rachel's
- 4 injuries could be dated to that time period?
- 5 A. Yes, it would.
- 6 Q. Is it a fact that at the trial the state did present
- 7 evidence from Dr. Howard that all of Rachel's injuries, her
- 8 small bowel injury, the injury to her vagina, her scalp injury,
- 9 much of the bruising could be dated as consistent with
- 10 infliction on the afternoon of Sunday, May 1st?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Did the defense challenge any of that evidence on
- 13 cross-examination of Dr. Howard? The time of injury evidence?
- 14 A. I don't believe it was challenged.
- 15 Q. Would you like to take a look at the couple of pages of
- 16 transcript?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. If we could look at Exhibit 47. Do you recognize this,
- 19 Ms. Bowman, as the trial transcript for Mr. Jones' jury trial
- 20 dated April 12, 1995?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. We're going to go to the transcript pages, beginning with
- 23 158. Do you see that this is the cross-examination that
- 24 Mr. Bruner did of Dr. Howard?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. When you're ready to go to the next page, there's only
- 2 about two and a half pages of transcript for cross-examination.
- 3 Let me know if you're ready to go to the next page, 159.
- 4 A. I'm sorry. Can you remind me what you're asking me to look
- 5 for?
- 6 Q. My question was whether any questions were posed on
- 7 cross-examination challenging Dr. Howard's timing of Rachel's
- 8 injuries.
- 9 A. Not in these pages.
- 10 Q. Do you believe that the state's unchallenged medical
- 11 evidence provided a strong circumstantial link tying Mr. Jones
- 12 to the infliction of Rachel's injuries on the afternoon of May
- 13 1st?
- 14 A. It did.
- 15 Q. With that, I am going to ask you some questions about what
- 16 the defense team did to prepare in light of the expectation
- 17 that the state would present medical evidence to tie Mr. Jones
- 18 to the commission of those offenses.
- 19 As part of doing that, I'd like to first bring you back to
- 20 the autopsy for a moment. Exhibit 52, at Page 5, in the final
- 21 paragraph of that page. There's Paragraph 7. If you could
- 22 enlarge that at the bottom of the page.
- Do you see there in the autopsy there's a reference to a
- 24 laceration of the left superior, posterior scalp region?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 O. With that in mind, I want to turn next to Exhibit 46,
- 2 please.
- 3 Now, Exhibit 46 is in evidence as a November 28, 1994
- 4 interview of Dr. John Howard. Do you see that?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Did you participate in that interview?
- 7 A. Yes, I did.
- 8 Q. And that interview took place, according to the date,
- 9 November 28, '94, correct?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. This would have been a few months after you had your
- 12 telephone conversation with Dr. Keen, is that right?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. I'd like to direct your attention to Page 19 of that
- 15 interview.
- 16 If you could enlarge from Line 6 down to Line 14.
- 17 Do you see there Dr. Howard provided you with some
- 18 information about the dating of the scalp injury? He's making
- 19 reference to Item Number 7 in the autopsy report, which we just
- 20 looked at, is that right?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. He was asked a question: Are you able to say how old that
- 23 particular injury is? Do you see what Dr. Howard's answer is
- 24 at Line 14?
- 25 A. Yes, I do.

- 1 Q. Probably two days old. There is a gap there. Older than
- 2 that. Correct?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Then if you could enlarge the remainder of Lines 15 through
- 5 the end of the page there.
- 6 Now, the next question after he dated that injury as
- 7 probably two days old, the next question was whether he based
- 8 that opinion or finding on just a visual examination. Do you
- 9 see that?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And Dr. Howard provided information to you that he actually
- iron stained and looked at that injury under a microscope to
- 13 help determine the age, correct?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Now, the dating of that particular injury would at least,
- 16 in terms of the probability of it as stated by Dr. Howard that
- it's probably two days, that would predate -- that would be --
- 18 let me ask you, would that predate the afternoon of May 1st?
- 19 A. Yes, it would.
- 20 Q. Now I'd like you to next look at Page 22. If we could just
- 21 enlarge the first top third or so of that page. Do you see
- that begins a discussion of the injury to Rachel's genitalia?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. If we could just skip down to the next page. If we could
- 25 enlarge just the first 10 lines or so. Here, again, Dr. Howard

- 1 was asked a question at Line 7.
- 2 We need to go to the next page. There we go. Great.
- 3 At Line 7, in regard to this particular injury, Dr. Howard
- 4 was asked are you -- now, you're able to tell how old these
- 5 injuries would be, and Dr. Howard indicated one or two days
- 6 before death. Correct?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And certainly two days before death, if that injury
- 9 occurred two days before death, that would not have occurred on
- 10 May 1st in the afternoon, correct?
- 11 A. That's correct.
- 12 Q. And when Dr. Howard said one day, do you know if he was
- 13 talking about a 24-hour -- 24 hours, or what he was talking
- 14 about there?
- 15 A. It's not exactly clear.
- 16 Q. Then at Page 35 -- I'm sorry. My mistake. Can we just go
- 17 back to Page 23 again? Sorry. And enlarge that same section.
- 18 The first 10 lines of Page 23.
- 19 After he indicates a dating of the injury at Lines -- I
- 20 guess that's Line 9, Dr. Howard describes cells. Do you see
- 21 that?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Does that inform you that his dating of that injury was
- 24 associated with some type of microscopic analysis if he's
- 25 looking at, actually, cells?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Then if we could now go to Page 35. We're going to be
- 3 looking at some questions he was asked about the timing of the
- 4 abdominal injury. If we could enlarge Lines 14 through 20.
- 5 Do you see there now Dr. Howard is being asked about the
- 6 timing of the -- at least when the child would be exhibiting
- 7 symptoms of the abdominal injury, such as nausea and vomiting?
- 8 Do you see that?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And Dr. Howard provided information to you that, preceding
- 11 death, it could take up to a day just to develop signs of
- 12 vomiting and nausea. Do you see that? That would be at Lines
- 13 19 and 20.
- 14 A. Yes. Mmm-hmm.
- 15 Q. Yes?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. So if it can take up to a day just to become symptomatic,
- 18 would that tell you that the actual time to death would be even
- 19 longer than a day? It would certainly occur after the symptoms
- of nausea, correct?
- 21 A. What he explained in this particular area was that it could
- 22 develop over hours to a day.
- 23 Q. Right.
- 24 A. For the symptoms. So the time of death would have to be
- 25 after that.

- 1 Q. Now, could you determine from your examination of the trial
- 2 file if the defense team had any information regarding
- 3 Dr. Howard's findings regarding the timing of the injuries
- 4 before the interview of November 28, 1994?
- 5 A. Did the defense team have information about the timing of
- 6 the injuries before this interview --
- 7 Q. Correct.
- 8 A. -- of Dr. Howard? I don't know.
- 9 Q. Did you, in your examination of the file, find any evidence
- 10 that the defense team had any information regarding
- 11 Dr. Howard's findings as to timing before the November 28
- 12 interview?
- 13 A. Not that I am aware of.
- 14 Q. So were you provided information in the November 28th
- 15 interview that Rachel's injuries might be dateable to April
- 16 30th?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. With that information at hand, did you find any record in
- 19 the trial file that the defense team ever conducted any fact
- 20 investigation focused on Rachel's activities on April 30 and
- 21 who was with her on that day?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. The day before May 1st?
- 24 A. No.
- 25 Q. Would there have been any reason not to investigate the

- 1 subject matter of Rachel's activities on April 30th and who was
- 2 with her on that day?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. I want to show you next an exhibit in evidence as 81. If
- 5 we could just enlarge the first -- the entire top half of the
- 6 exhibit.
- 7 Do you see this was an interview dated May 19 conducted by
- 8 Detective Rankin, who is now Detective Pesquiera, of an Isobel
- 9 Tafe?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Did you examine this document as part of your reexamination
- 12 of the trial file?
- 13 A. I did.
- 14 Q. Did you see there that Ms. Tafe was told about an
- 15 investigation of a homicide of a four-year-old girl? That's, I
- 16 think, the third question down.
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And that she'd already talked to a detective on May 2nd,
- 19 correct?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Detective Rankin asked her: You know, did you know the
- 22 little girl's name? And Ms. Tafe said: I don't know her name,
- 23 but I knowed her when I seen the pictures. But I knowed the
- 24 little girl had been over here.
- 25 Do you see that?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Then she goes on to, does she not, describe the fact that
- 3 this four-year-old child was over at her house without adult
- 4 supervision on the Saturday before her death?
- 5 A. I can only see the top line of that.
- 6 Q. We need to go down, sorry, to expand the bottom half of the
- 7 page. My apologies. Do you see there --
- 8 A. I'm not sure about the adult supervision part. It says she
- 9 was there Saturday.
- 10 Q. Some place in the trailer park where Mr. Jones lived? And
- 11 she was without adult supervision. The Saturday before she
- 12 died.
- 13 THE COURT: Is there a specific line you're trying to
- 14 direct her attention to? That would save some time, if there
- is something specific you want to direct her attention to.
- 16 BY MR. SANDMAN:
- 17 Q. The second question there from the bottom: What day was
- 18 this? This was the Saturday before the detective was here.
- 19 A. Yes, I see that she was there Saturday. I'm a little bit
- 20 lost on the lack of adult supervision.
- 21 Q. And the question above that, she says that she was with her
- 22 sister, Becca.
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Who was not an adult.
- 25 A. Correct.

- 1 Q. Then on the next page, if you could enlarge just the top
- 2 third.
- 3 Ms. Tafe was asked did you notice -- this is like the third
- 4 question down: Did you notice any fading bruises on her? Do
- 5 you see that Ms. Tafe indicated she had not, but that she
- 6 noticed, like, Rachel might be sick. She wasn't natural, it
- 7 was just a pale grayish color.
- 8 Do you see that?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Do you think that evidence might have been in sync with
- 11 Dr. Howard's findings that Rachel's injuries could be dated
- more than a day prior to her death?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Did you do anything further to investigate that? Did you
- 15 provide that information, for example, to your medical expert?
- 16 A. Not that I am aware of.
- 17 Q. Now, if we could turn to -- this is going to be a document
- 18 within Exhibit 1, Page 1427.
- MR. SANDMAN: Your Honor, Exhibit 1 is a large,
- 20 probably almost 3,000 page exhibit, which is the trial file in
- 21 its entirety. So I'm just -- we're going to look at Page 1427.
- THE COURT: That's the Bates number of the page from
- 23 Exhibit 1 that you're referring to?
- MR. SANDMAN: Yes, sir.
- 25 THE COURT: Got it. Go ahead.

- 1 MR. SANDMAN: That should be the first page of
- 2 Dr. Seifert's interview.
- 3 THE COURT: Is that the Bates number on the upper
- 4 right-hand column, where it says --
- 5 MR. SANDMAN: I think we have to go --
- 6 THE COURT: 04205?
- 7 MR. SANDMAN: I think we'll have to go to 1426. There
- 8 we go.
- 9 BY MR. SANDMAN:
- 10 O. Do you recognize the page we're looking at there?
- 11 THE COURT: Can I stop you for one minute? I want to
- 12 make sure that we are clear on the numbers that are being used.
- 13 So at the top of the document I see the 1426. It looks like
- 14 it's Exhibit 1426. But then there's a Bates number on the
- 15 right-hand column on the page; that has nothing to do with the
- 16 numbers system we're talking about now, correct?
- 17 MR. SANDMAN: It does have nothing to do with it, yes.
- 18 MS. SMITH: Your Honor, if I could interrupt. There's
- 19 also a Bates number on the bottom left of the page that does
- 20 correspond to what we are talking about.
- 21 THE COURT: 1426. It's on the bottom left-hand side
- 22 of the page, just so we're clear. Go ahead.
- 23 BY MR. SANDMAN:
- 24 Q. This document references the January 20, 1995 interview of
- 25 Dr. Seifert?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. And you participated in that interview?
- 3 A. Yes, I did.
- 4 Q. And do you remember that Dr. Seifert was the emergency room
- 5 doctor that declared Rachel's death at Kino Hospital?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. If we could look at Page 1434, Bates page 1434, in that
- 8 document. That middle paragraph that's partially highlighted,
- 9 if you could expand that.
- 10 If you could take a look at that paragraph there. There,
- 11 Dr. Seifert was estimating the time of Rachel's death, do you
- 12 see that?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 O. And he estimated that she had been deceased somewhere
- 15 between two and three hours before he saw her.
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And remember earlier when we looked at the Kino Hospital
- 18 record, he had seen her -- she was admitted at around 6:16 in
- 19 the morning that Monday morning, correct?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. So he's estimating that she would have been deceased around
- 3:00 to 4:00 a.m. that Monday morning, correct?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. If we were to date that back, for example, 12 hours, that
- 25 would take us to around 3:00 or 4:00, 3:00 to 4:00, Sunday

- 1 afternoon, correct?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Now, can you think of any reason at this juncture, after
- 4 interviewing Dr. Seifert and Dr. Howard, for not investigating
- 5 further the medical question whether Rachel's injuries could be
- 6 reliably dated to sometime to the afternoon of May 1st?
- 7 A. No, no reason.
- 8 Q. I want to ask you to look at Exhibit 35 next.
- 9 If we could just blow up the title of that article there,
- 10 the first page.
- 11 This Exhibit 35 is in evidence. It was retrieved from the
- 12 trial counsel file entitled Child Abuse: Medical Diagnosis and
- 13 Management.
- 14 Do you see that?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Have you, as part of your review of the trial file, have
- 17 you looked at this article?
- 18 A. Yes, I have.
- 19 Q. Again, if we could look at Page 7. The second full
- 20 paragraph down on the left column, if we could blow that up.
- Is that Page 7? I think we may need the paragraph above.
- 22 My apologies. Hold on a second.
- 23 I'm sorry. That's the correct paragraph we want to look
- 24 at, but the second --
- THE COURT: The second paragraph?

- 1 MR. SANDMAN: Yes.
- THE COURT: There's two there.
- 3 MR. SANDMAN: I'm sorry?
- 4 THE COURT: I just want to make sure which paragraph
- 5 you're referring to.
- 6 BY MR. SANDMAN:
- 7 Q. The second paragraph states that because knowledge of the
- 8 time at which the injury occurred may be forensically useful,
- 9 surgeons treating children with peritonitis from unexplained
- 10 intestinal perforations should collect small mesenteric biopsy
- 11 samples to allow the pathologists to determine the stage of the
- 12 disease process?
- 13 Do you see that?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. I think that you testified earlier that when Mr. Bruner was
- in Court on July 14, '94, he mentioned his desire at least at
- 17 that time to have tissue samples examined.
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. I think you've testified this afternoon that when you
- 20 interviewed Dr. Howard and he was dating the injuries that he
- 21 was also referring to his microscopic examination of the
- 22 tissues, correct?
- 23 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 24 Q. Now, given the injury dating information in your file,
- 25 reference this article and what you learned from Dr. Howard

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- 1 about the method for dating injuries associated with
- 2 microscopic examination, did you understand or did you have
- 3 enough information to put you on notice that if you were to --
- 4 if the defense were to conduct its own independent medical
- 5 investigation of the time of injuries, it would need to have an
- 6 expert review the tissue slides from Rachel's autopsy?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Do you know whether that was ever done?
- 9 A. I don't think it was.
- 10 Q. If Dr. Keen were to testify in these proceedings that he
- 11 needed to examine the tissue slides to reliably date the
- 12 injuries, would that appear to be consistent with the process
- 13 Dr. Howard described in his own interview as described to you
- 14 on November 28th, 1994?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. So after Dr. Howard -- or after his interview, can you
- 17 think of any reason the defense didn't ask its medical expert
- 18 to be sure to review the tissue samples from Rachel's autopsy?
- 19 A. I can't think of any reason.
- 20 Q. Just a general question: What was the strategy of the
- 21 defense team in Mr. Jones' case?
- 22 A. I think the strategy was just that Mr. Jones didn't commit
- 23 these acts, that he didn't injure, injure the child, just to
- 24 challenge the state's evidence.
- 25 Q. And I think you have already testified this afternoon, when

- 1 you looked at Mr. Bruner's cross-examination of Dr. Howard,
- 2 that essentially there was no challenge made to the state's
- 3 medical evidence tying Mr. Jones to criminal activity on the
- 4 afternoon of May 1st, correct?
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. Dr. Howard's testimony that the injuries were consistent
- 7 with Sunday afternoon was not challenged, is that right?
- 8 A. That's right.
- 9 Q. Now, in a case where the state was seeking to prove that
- 10 the injuries were inflicted on a certain date and time, would
- 11 it have been plausible to attempt to challenge the state's time
- 12 of injury evidence with defense medical evidence demonstrating
- 13 that the injuries were not inflicted on Sunday, May 1st?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. I want to, in that regard, show you Exhibit 106, which is
- 16 in evidence. It's a report submitted by Janice J. Ophoven,
- dated February 1, 2010.
- I would like you to look at the first -- at least the
- 19 second page of that exhibit. There is sort of the first -- the
- 20 middle paragraph that has some bold print in it. I'm going to
- 21 read to you what Dr. Ophoven said here, in that first paragraph
- 22 that's been enlarged:
- 23 Many opinions were provided to the court and the jury, but
- 24 it is my opinion that the key findings in this case of
- 25 abdominal trauma of many days' duration were not made clear.

- 1 The evidence shows that the fatal injuries to Rachel Gray could
- 2 not possibly have been inflicted on the day prior to her death
- 3 as suggested by the state at Mr. Jones' trial. The veracity of
- 4 this evidence is as scientifically precise as any forensic
- 5 determination available in medical science.
- 6 Do you see that?
- 7 A. Yes, I do.
- 8 Q. So, my question, would the presentation of this type of
- 9 evidence, the evidence that I just read to you from
- 10 Dr. Ophoven, would that evidence have been consistent with the
- 11 strategy to challenge the state's evidence?
- 12 A. Yes, it would.
- 13 Q. So if you're challenging the state's evidence, you're not
- 14 absolutely constrained to just coming into the trial and
- 15 attempting to cross-examination or whittle away at the state's
- 16 case. Consistent with the strategy to challenge evidence, you
- 17 can present your own defense evidence, correct?
- 18 A. Yes, of course.
- 19 Q. Now I want to head up to the first page of this exhibit,
- 20 106, in the first paragraph of that report.
- In this paragraph, Dr. Ophoven indicates that she requested
- 22 special stains for the anogenital tissues, do you see that?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. From Rachel's autopsy?
- MR. BRACCIO: Judge, I am going to object to this line

- of questioning on relevance.
- 2 MR. SANDMAN: Well, the next question is going to be:
- 3 Would you have presented this evidence consistent with your
- 4 strategy? And I think that is relevant because the state is
- 5 arguing that this strategy was confined to just cross-examining
- 6 witnesses, and the witness is now saying that the strategy to
- 7 challenge evidence includes presenting your own evidence.
- 8 We've already been through this when we went through
- 9 Page 2. The question is: Would you have presented this
- 10 consistent with your strategy? That's what this whole case is
- 11 about.

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- 12 THE COURT: I'll allow the question. Overruled.
- Go ahead.
- 14 BY MR. SANDMAN:
- 15 Q. In any event, Dr. Ophoven says, and I'll read this --
- 16 THE COURT: I'm sorry. You had a question to her and
- 17 now I think you're moving on. So why don't you have her answer
- 18 the question that you posed to her? The question was about the
- 19 slides, right?
- 20 MR. SANDMAN: I don't remember now.
- THE COURT: Hold on.
- 22 MR. SANDMAN: I think my last --
- 23 THE COURT: So: Would the presentation of this type
- of evidence, the evidence that I just read to you from
- 25 Dr. Ophoven's, would that type -- would that evidence have been

- 1 consistent with the strategy to challenge the state's evidence?
- 2 That's the question.
- 3 MR. SANDMAN: That was the question I asked with
- 4 respect to Dr. Ophoven's comments on Page 2 of her report. Now
- 5 we're on Page 1 of the report.
- 6 THE COURT: Go ahead and formulate your next question.
- 7 MR. SANDMAN: I'm sorry.
- 8 BY MR. SANDMAN:
- 9 Q. When we were looking at Page 2 of the report, we were
- 10 looking at Dr. Ophoven's opinion as to the dating of the
- 11 abdominal injury, correct?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Now I want to ask you a question about her opinion on the
- 14 dating of the vaginal injury. Do you understand that?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Different injury. I just want to read to you what
- 17 Dr. Ophoven said with respect to that injury, the vaginal
- 18 injury. She said that the trichrome stain shows clear evidence
- 19 of vital reaction with deposits of collagen containing tissue
- 20 and neovascularization in the wall of the vagina. This
- 21 indicates substantial healing and is not consistent with a
- 22 fresh penetrating injury. The age of the injury cannot be
- 23 precisely determined, but the injury did not occur in the few
- 24 days prior to her death.
- 25 Do you see that?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. So she's talking here about the vaginal injury being older
- 3 than a few days prior to Rachel's death, correct?
- 4 A. Yes, correct.
- 5 Q. Is this the type of -- would you have presented this
- 6 evidence consistent with your strategy to challenge the state's
- 7 evidence?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. If you had forensic evidence that the vaginal injury showed
- 10 signs that it was weeks old and possibly predated Rachel's
- 11 residency with Mr. Jones, would you have presented that
- 12 evidence?
- 13 A. We certainly would.
- 14 Q. And during the course of representing Mr. Jones, did you
- 15 acquire any evidence that suggested Rachel maybe had been
- 16 exposed to sexual abuse prior to her residency with Mr. Jones?
- 17 A. We did.
- 18 Q. I'd like to show you Exhibit 30. Do you recognize Exhibit
- 19 30 as your handwritten notes?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. I'd like if we could enlarge the bottom third of that page.
- This is your handwriting?
- 23 A. It is.
- Q. Do you see where it says: Zoly problems with Johnny and
- 25 Rachel sexually in the past?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Who is Johnny?
- 3 A. Johnny was Rachel's older brother.
- 4 Q. Who was Zoly?
- 5 A. Zoly was Angela's prior boyfriend.
- 6 Q. Could we see the next page of Exhibit 30? If we can
- 7 enlarge sort of the middle section of that page.
- 8 Is this also your handwriting on this page?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. A has 14-year-old Johnny deaf/mute molesting kids.
- 11 Did you write that?
- 12 A. I did.
- 13 Q. I want to have you look at another exhibit that discusses
- 14 this topic. It's in Exhibit 1, I believe beginning at Page
- 15 890. I want to make sure we go to the first page of Brandie's
- 16 interview.
- 17 This is the videotape deposition of Brandie Elisha Jones
- 18 dated March 6, 1995, is that correct?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Who was Brandie?
- 21 A. Brandie is Mr. Jones' daughter.
- 22 Q. It looks like the first page of this document begins at
- 23 Bates Page 813. I'd like to turn your attention to Bates Page
- 24 892. If you could enlarge the question starting at Line 12
- 25 through 21.

- 1 Brandie was asked: Did you ever see Johnny do anything to
- 2 Rachel? And she says: No, but Johnny -- Rachel always --
- 3 every time Johnny would, like, come in the room or something,
- 4 she (phonetic) would say, "Can I sleep with you, Brandie?"
- 5 "Can I sleep with you, Brandie?" And one day we were -- and
- 6 Johnny -- when Johnny shared a room with us girls, Rachel
- 7 always was like scared, and she was always sleeping by the wall
- 8 next to me and stuff.
- 9 Do you see that?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Then at Page 893, which I believe is the next page, if you
- 12 could enlarge Line 6 through 17. This is a further explanation
- 13 by Brandie of Rachel being concerned about Johnny in the
- 14 bedroom wanting to sleep next to Brandie, is that right?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Then if you could enlarge Lines 18 through 25, the last
- 17 three lines. It reports that Brandie would let Rachel up in
- 18 her top bunk, and when Johnny would leave she'd go shut the
- 19 door and get back in her bed. Is that correct?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Finally, the next page. If you could enlarge the first 12
- 22 lines -- 13 lines.
- Brandie was asked whether Johnny ever tried to do anything
- 24 to Brandie, do you see that?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. And she says: He tried one time and I went and told Angela
- 2 and that's when he got his built-on room in the kitchen.
- 3 Correct?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. So he was basically taken out of the bedroom, and they
- 6 tried to find someplace else for Johnny to sleep, is that
- 7 right?
- 8 A. Yes, it is.
- 9 Q. Actually, if you enlarge Lines 14 down.
- Brandie was asked: Was he sleeping in the same bedroom
- 11 with you girls? And Brandie says: Yeah, he was sleeping on
- 12 the floor and we on the beds.
- 13 Turning to the next page. If you could enlarge the
- 14 first -- like Lines 3 through 13. Here, Brandie was asked:
- 15 Can you remember that Johnny -- the best you can remember that
- 16 Johnny just tried to do something -- I'm sorry. The question
- 17 is a little disjointed here on the page. It's Line 3.
- 18 And so the best of your -- the best that you can remember
- 19 that Johnny just tried to -- to do something one time, what was
- 20 it that he tried to do? And Brandie said basically that he
- 21 tried to touch her front. That's what she says at Lines 8
- 22 through 13. Correct?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. With the information that you had in your own notes about
- 25 the possibility of sexual issues between Rachel and Johnny, and

- 1 the interview you had with Brandie, could you determine from
- 2 the review of your file whether you did any follow-up
- 3 investigation with respect to that topic?
- 4 A. I don't think we did.
- 5 Q. Could you think of any reason not to further that
- 6 particular investigation?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. Just some general questions about your strategy to
- 9 challenge the state's evidence.
- 10 Do you remember that the state presented bloodstain
- 11 interpretation evidence of Mr. Jones' trial?
- 12 A. Can you say that again?
- 13 Q. Do you remember that the state presented bloodstain
- 14 interpretation evidence showing that the blood in Mr. Jones'
- 15 van and on his clothing was additional proof that he had
- 16 assaulted Rachel in the van?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Would it have been consistent with the defense team trial
- 19 strategy to challenge the state's evidence to present your own
- 20 bloodstain interpretation evidence from a qualified expert?
- 21 A. Yes, it would have.
- 22 Q. I guess I'd have the same question to the other key aspects
- 23 of the state's evidence. Do you remember that there was
- 24 eyewitness evidence from two twins that they had seen Mr. Jones
- 25 assaulting Rachel in the parking lot of the Choice Market on

- 1 the afternoon of May 1st?
- 2 A. I do remember that.
- 3 Q. And would it have been contrary to the defense strategy to
- 4 present your own expert testimony challenging that eyewitness
- 5 testimony?
- 6 A. No, it would not have been contrary.
- 7 Q. I think you testified earlier this morning that you had
- 8 actually attended the Angela Gray trial, is that right?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. I want to show you Exhibit 27. Exhibit 27 is in evidence
- 11 and it is -- if you could just enlarge the caption there so
- 12 I'll see the caption. This was a motion filed on behalf of
- 13 Mr. Jones for an order to produce the trial transcripts of
- 14 Dr. John Howard and Rebecca, Becky, Lux.
- 15 If we can enlarge Lines 11 through 23.
- Now, you attended the Gray trial and you submitted this
- 17 motion, it's under your signature, correct?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. You asked that the Court provide transcripts for Rachel's
- 20 sister Becky's testimony at the Gray trial, as well as
- 21 Dr. Howard's testimony at the Gray trial, correct?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. And you indicate that these testimonies form a crucial part
- 24 of the defendant's case and there's a substantial need to have
- 25 them produced, do you see that?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. With that request in mind, I want to turn next to what
- 3 Dr. Howard testified to at the Gray trial. So we'll need to
- 4 look at Exhibit 48A.
- 5 48A is the trial transcript in the case of State of Arizona
- 6 vs. Angela Gray, dated March 28, 1995. If we could key in on
- 7 at least the first page of Dr. Howard's testimony in that case.
- 8 Okay. So we're at Page 39 of that particular transcript.
- 9 Or we were.
- 10 MR. SANDMAN: The first page he testified. I thought
- 11 you had just pulled that up.
- 12 BY MR. SANDMAN:
- 13 Q. Page 39 of the transcript. Dr. Howard is called to
- 14 testify, and I want to turn your attention to Pages 99 through
- 15 101 of that transcript, starting with Page 99.
- 16 Have you -- as part of your review of the record in the
- 17 case, did you review Dr. Howard's -- this portion of
- 18 Dr. Howard's testimony at Ms. Gray's trial?
- MR. SANDMAN: We need to get to Page 99 through 101.
- 20 BY MR. SANDMAN:
- 21 Q. This was Mr. Darby's cross-examination. Did you read it
- 22 previously?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Page 99 is the beginning of Mr. Darby's cross-examination.
- Let's go to the next page, Page 100.

- 1 Do you see at Page 99 that Mr. Darby was asking about --
- 2 questioning Dr. Howard about the dating of the vaginal injury
- 3 that Rachel had? The page before? Do you want to look at the
- 4 page before again if you didn't see it?
- 5 THE COURT: Are you asking her to look at 99 --
- 6 MR. SANDMAN: Page 99.
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 BY MR. SANDMAN:
- 9 Q. So, at Page 99, he begins questioning about the dating of
- 10 the vaginal injury. And then at Page 100, at Lines 10 and 11,
- if you could just enlarge that, he says that the dating of that
- injury is more typical of around 24 hours. Do you see that?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. If we can enlarge Lines 3 through 8. He puts the minimal
- 15 time from injury to death as perhaps as few as 12 hours and up
- 16 to 48 hours. Correct?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. So, just to break this down, the 24 hours, if Rachel died,
- 19 as Dr. Seifert advised you, between 3:00 and 4:00 in the
- 20 morning on May 2nd, the typical time between injury and death,
- 21 24 hours, that would be before Sunday afternoon, correct, of
- 22 May 1st?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Certainly, 48 hours would be well outside the window of the
- 25 afternoon of May 1st.

- 1 A. It would.
- 2 Q. And if we go with the minimum, 12 hours before death, we're
- 3 looking at an injury being inflicted between around 3:00 and
- 4 4:00 in the afternoon, correct?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Now, at Page 101, if you could enlarge Lines 3 through 7.
- 7 We are talking about the internal injuries, which would be the
- 8 small bowel injury Rachel suffered from, and he's asked for
- 9 clarification about the timing of that injury at about 24 hours
- 10 prior to death. And Dr. Howard says that the findings, his
- 11 findings regarding the timing of the abdominal injury, would be
- 12 most consistent with 24 hours. Correct?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And that is also outside the window of Sunday afternoon.
- 15 Is that correct?
- 16 A. It is.
- 17 Q. In connection with this injury, if we could enlarge Lines
- 18 10 through 17. Dr. Howard is telling Ms. Gray's jury that,
- 19 again, the fewest number of hours between injury and death is
- 20 around 12 hours, and it could go up to, he says, 36 hours.
- 21 Correct?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. So, somehow, if we were to follow the logic of Dr. Howard's
- 24 testimony in front of Ms. Gray's jury, these injuries would had
- 25 to have been inflicted -- even the minimum, 12 hour, would have

- 1 to have been inflicted between 3:00 and 4:00 in the afternoon
- 2 on Sunday, correct?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Did you have information that Rachel appeared as though she
- 5 had not been assaulted that afternoon, as late as 3:00 or 4:00
- 6 in the afternoon?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Did you have that in your file?
- 9 A. We did have that.
- 10 Q. Do you remember -- we could look -- we looked earlier. One
- of the first things we did this morning is we looked at George
- 12 Barnett's report. He reported to you that Mr. Jones' neighbor,
- 13 Shirley DeVous, said that she had seen Rachel out sitting on a
- 14 bicycle between 3:00 and 4:00 in the afternoon on Sunday, May
- 15 1st, correct?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Let me have you look at another source of evidence as to
- 18 Becky's -- excuse me -- Rachel's appearance at the time -- at
- 19 the day -- on Sunday by having you look at Exhibit 41A.
- 20 Exhibit 41A is a transcript dated March 24, 1995, in the
- 21 case of State of Arizona vs. Angela Renee Gray. I want to ask
- 22 you some questions about Rachel's sister Becky's testimony at
- 23 the Gray trial. By the way, this is one of the transcripts --
- 24 along with Dr. Howard's from the Gray trial -- that you asked
- 25 to be prepared because it was crucial to the defense, correct?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. So if we look at Page 4, that's the beginning of Becky's
- 3 testimony, and I want to skip ahead to Page 61.
- 4 At Page 61, this also corresponds to Mr. Darby's --
- 5 Ms. Gray's attorney's questioning of Becky.
- 6 I'd like you to -- if you could enlarge starting at around
- 7 Line 18 through 25. And so Becky tells Ms. Gray's jury that
- 8 this --
- 9 MR. SANDMAN: Is this Page 68? I'm sorry. Did I give
- 10 you the wrong page number?
- 11 THE COURT: Sixty-one is what you said.
- MR. SANDMAN: I'm sorry. Too many pages and too many
- 13 transcripts.
- 14 THE COURT: I thought you said 68 after that.
- 15 MR. SANDMAN: I did.
- 16 THE COURT: So it is 68?
- 17 MR. SANDMAN: Yes.
- 18 BY MR. SANDMAN:
- 19 Q. Then if you could enlarge Lines 18 through 22.
- 20 Mr. Darby is asking Becky: Now, when you left at 5:00,
- 21 about 5:00 or 5:15, Rachel was standing in the living room?
- 22 And she answers yes. Mr. Darby said: She was just acting like
- 23 a normal kid when you left? And she says yes.
- If we could go to the next page, the questioning continues.
- 25 If you could enlarge the first 12, 13 lines there.

- 1 Mr. Darby goes on to ask her if at 5:00, 5:15, on Sunday
- 2 afternoon, Rachel looked sick or hurt, correct?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And Becky said no.
- 5 And then Mr. Darby begins questioning her about some trips
- 6 that Rachel had in the van with Mr. Jones earlier that day,
- 7 correct?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And he has her confirm that Mr. Jones got up that day about
- 10 2:30 in the afternoon, correct?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And that they went somewhere in the van and came back.
- 13 Can we expand Lines 15 through 25.
- 14 They came back from that trip and she got out of the van.
- Let's go to the next page to see what happened after the
- 16 first trip. If we could enlarge the first half page there.
- 17 So they come back from the first trip, and Becky tells the
- 18 jury that Rachel didn't look hurt after that first trip in the
- 19 van, and that later they left on a second trip, at around 4:00
- 20 o'clock. Do you see that?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. If we can enlarge the bottom half of that page, starting at
- 23 Line 13 to the bottom. She was asked: Did you see them come
- 24 back again? That's at Line 21. And she says yes.
- 25 Let's go to the next page. Then if you could enlarge the

- 1 first 12 lines. She was asked: Did Rachel appear to be okay
- 2 at that time? Now, that's after the second trip. And she says
- 3 yes. Correct?
- 4 A. Yes, she did.
- 5 Q. And actually she's asked a very specific question at Line 5
- 6 and 6 by Mr. Darby. He says: Are you sure they left, they
- 7 went and they came back two separate times? Do you see that?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And she answered yes.
- Now, given your own conclusion, what you expressed in your
- 11 motion to get these transcripts from Dr. Howard and Dr. --
- 12 excuse me -- Becky, which you described as being crucial to
- 13 Mr. Jones' defense, can you think of any reason why neither
- 14 Dr. Howard or Becky were impeached with this testimony at
- 15 Mr. Jones' trial?
- 16 A. No, no reason.
- 17 Q. Do you remember that at Mr. Jones' trial Becky said there
- 18 were actually three trips in the van?
- 19 A. She did.
- 20 Q. Did she not?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Then the prosecutor argued that the injuries occurred on
- 23 the third trip.
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 Q. And the jury was never told that Becky had testified under

- 1 oath a couple of weeks earlier that there were just two trips
- 2 and Rachel was fine after two trips. Correct?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. Now, given Dr. Howard's testimony at the Gray trial, where
- 5 he said the injury was most consistent with occurring prior
- 6 to -- essentially prior to the afternoon of May 1st, and the
- 7 vaginal injury was also -- because it's typical of 24 hours
- 8 also would be prior to the afternoon of May 1st, on top of
- 9 which he testified that the minimum hours would be 12, which
- 10 dovetails with the time she appears not to have been beaten
- 11 that afternoon, in light of all that information, can you think
- of any reason why you would not have further consulted with
- 13 your defense medical expert in pursuit of an independent
- 14 examination of the timing of Rachel's injuries and whether they
- 15 occurred when Rachel was alone with Mr. Jones on May 1?
- 16 A. No, no reason.
- 17 O. Do you remember that Becky had also, before she testified
- 18 at the Gray trial, had given pretrial statements to the police
- 19 and to defense counsel?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And did she happen also on those occasions to describe only
- 22 two trips in the van with Mr. Jones that day? That Rachel had
- 23 only two trips?
- 24 A. I think that's true, but I am not sure if I remember that
- 25 specifically.

- 1 Q. I'm going to shift topics with you at this point and ask
- 2 you, can you tell us whether either you or Mr. Bruner conducted
- 3 any independent investigation with respect to the bloodstain
- 4 evidence and how those stains should be interpreted?
- 5 A. I don't think we did.
- 6 Q. Would you have needed help from an expert to interpret
- 7 those bloodstains?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Can you think of any reason why an expert was not
- 10 consulted?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. With respect to bloodstain interpretation?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. I'd like you to take a look at Exhibit 17.
- 15 MR. SANDMAN: Your Honor, Exhibit 17 is a fax cover
- 16 sheet dated April -- can you read the date at the bottom there?
- 17 Can we blow it up maybe?
- 18 THE COURT: '95?
- 19 MR. SANDMAN: It's April '95.
- THE WITNESS: April 8th.
- 21 THE COURT: It looks like it's April 4. That sort of
- 22 distorted it.
- THE WITNESS: I think it's April 8th.
- MR. SANDMAN: April 8th. Okay.
- 25 BY MR. SANDMAN:

- 1 Q. Do you recall Mr. Jones' jury selection began on April 5th?
- 2 A. I don't.
- 3 Q. If the record shows that --
- 4 A. That's what happened. I don't remember.
- 5 Q. Assuming that's the date, so this would have come in after
- 6 the start of the trial, correct, April 8th?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And Mr. Barnett, on the cover sheet, says: Will send bill
- 9 later, possibly just pro bono. Correct?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Let's look at the next page. This is his report dated
- 12 March 31, '95. If you could.
- Did you have an opportunity to review this report recently?
- 14 A. I did.
- 15 Q. Could you tell us what this report was.
- 16 A. This was the report where -- where Mr. Barnett went to the
- impound yard to view the van, Mr. Jones' van, and take some
- 18 measurements and photos, things like that.
- 19 Q. And anticipa- -- tell me the reason why you had Mr. Barnett
- 20 do this.
- 21 A. We had him do that because we didn't think that the Lopez
- 22 children could have seen what they said they saw. It was a big
- 23 van and Rachel was a small child, and the Lopez children were
- 24 children, they were small, and we just didn't think they'd be
- 25 able to see what they said they did.

- 1 O. So you received this information in the midst of the trial
- 2 on April 8th, and does the --
- 3 Let's go on to the next page of the report.
- 4 Does the report consist of anything more than measurements
- 5 and references to certain photographs Mr. Barnett took?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. And does the report say anything about whether the children
- 8 could -- does this express any findings or opinions about
- 9 whether the children could see -- the children, the Lopez
- 10 children, whether they could see inside the van to see Rachel
- 11 being struck by Mr. Jones?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 O. Could we see Exhibit 26?
- 14 Exhibit 26 is a Defendant's Rule 15.2 disclosure. If we
- 15 could take a look at the bottom half of that page. This was
- 16 something filed on -- I think the date there said March 31,
- 17 1995.
- 18 You listed Mr. Barnett as a possible witness to testify as
- 19 to measurements, correct?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And indicated that you might use photographs and notes
- 22 taken by Mr. Barnett regarding the van, correct?
- 23 A. Yes. You know, something else just occurred to me. I
- 24 think we also asked him to take the measurements because the
- 25 van was so wide, and we weren't sure if the -- if the actions

- 1 that those children said they saw were even physically
- 2 possible. In other words, whether Mr. Jones -- thinking about
- 3 Mr. Jones' reach and how far the seats were apart and that sort
- 4 of thing.
- 5 Q. In your notice of disclosure, did you disclose that
- 6 Mr. Barnett would be expressing any opinions of an expert
- 7 nature regarding whether either the children could see in the
- 8 van, consistent with what they said they saw, or that he would
- 9 be testifying or offering expert opinions on whether Mr. Jones
- 10 could reach Rachel into the seat in the van?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Do you think based on your own suspicions that Mr. Jones
- 13 could neither reach Rachel, and that the children could not
- 14 have seen what they said they saw, in light of that, can you
- 15 think of any reasons why you wouldn't have consulted with an
- 16 expert who could have helped you answer the questions that you
- 17 posed?
- 18 A. No, no reason.
- MR. SANDMAN: Your Honor, that's all I have.
- THE COURT: All right. Thank you. Cross-examination?
- MR. BRACCIO: Your Honor, may I approach the witness?
- THE COURT: You may. Just make sure opposing counsel
- 23 knows what you're going to be providing the witness.
- 24 MR. BRACCIO: The timeline change. I have a copy for
- 25 Your Honor as well.

- 1 MR. SANDMAN: Your Honor, we were handed this 35-page
- 2 timeline this morning, this is what it purports to be, and we
- 3 have not had a chance to review or study it. So I
- 4 understand --
- 5 THE COURT: What are you asking me for?
- 6 MR. SANDMAN: I'm sorry?
- 7 THE COURT: Is there an objection? Are you asking
- 8 for --
- 9 MR. SANDMAN: We'll do the best -- no. We'll do the
- 10 best we can in trying to determine whether we have any
- 11 objections as we go along.
- 12 THE COURT: Well, it's noted. If you have an
- 13 objection as we go forward, you can make your objection.
- 14 And this is not marked because this is for demonstrative
- 15 purposes?
- MR. BRACCIO: That's correct, Your Honor.
- 17 THE COURT: Fine.
- MR. BRACCIO: For the record, I had e-mailed
- 19 Mr. Sandman about the disclosure of demonstrative exhibits a
- 20 week ago, if he requested that, we received no word on that.
- 21 As I indicated Friday at the status conference as well, we were
- 22 putting this together and I'd get it to him as soon as
- 23 possible. It's a demonstrative exhibit, I don't intend to
- 24 introduce it.
- 25 THE COURT: Fair enough. Go ahead.

## CROSS-EXAMINATION

2 BY MR. BRACCIO:

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- 3 Q. Good afternoon, Judge Bowman.
- 4 A. Good afternoon.
- 5 Q. We heard from Mr. Bruner that you actually clerked with his
- 6 firm for about a year before you two left, is that correct?
- 7 A. I don't remember. I know I did some work for the firm. I
- 8 don't remember how much it was or how long -- for how long.
- 9 Q. And then you were trying criminal cases at that time?
- 10 A. With Mr. Bruner?
- 11 Q. With Mr. Bruner, correct?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. You had previously tried a capital case, shared a capital
- 14 case?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. How would you describe your work ethic back in 1994?
- 17 A. Wow. That's a hard question. I hope my ethics were
- 18 similar to what they are now. I didn't have, of course, nearly
- 19 as much experience, but I know I took my work very seriously.
- 20 Q. You were organized?
- 21 A. I think so.
- 22 Q. Prepared?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. You have very little to no memory of this case, is that
- 25 right?

- 1 A. That's correct.
- 2 Q. Let's see if we can refresh your recollection with the
- 3 record in this case. When you initially began your
- 4 representation of Mr. Jones, you read all the police reports,
- 5 police witness interviews, and the disclosures in this case as
- 6 they came in, correct?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. As well as you interviewed nearly all the state's
- 9 witnesses, correct?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. I counted 18 witnesses that you either interviewed or
- 12 deposed.
- I'd like to go first --
- 14 THE COURT: Was there an answer to that?
- 15 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 16 Q. Yeah.
- 17 A. I don't specifically recall that, but just from the review
- 18 of the record, I think that's probably about true.
- 19 Q. About 18 witnesses?
- 20 A. Something like that.
- 21 THE COURT: Thank you.
- 22 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 23 Q. I'd like to go through the facts that you knew going into
- 24 this case and see if that helps refresh your recollection.
- 25 Can we pull up 4443?

- 1 MR. BRACCIO: Your Honor, for reference, I am going to
- 2 be referencing by the Bates number, which is at the bottom
- 3 left. I believe these are almost nearly all contained in
- 4 Exhibit 1.
- 5 THE COURT: Fine. Thank you. To the extent they're
- 6 not in Exhibit 1, if you would please indicate that for the
- 7 record.
- 8 MR. BRACCIO: Absolutely. Absolutely.
- 9 THE COURT: Thank you.
- 10 MR. BRACCIO: Trial Exhibit 65.
- Is it not pulling up? I guess can we get -- I guess if
- 12 there's any IT help?
- MS. SCHNEIDER: I have it on my screen, the problem
- 14 appears with this wire that they installed.
- 15 THE CLERK: Okay.
- 16 MR. BRACCIO: We can move on in the meantime.
- 17 THE COURT: Hold on. Give me a second.
- 18 (Pause in proceedings)
- 19 THE COURT: We're going to take a brief break. We're
- 20 going to try to get IT here to make sure this is working.
- 21 We'll try to give it five or ten minutes.
- 22 (A recess was taken from 2:36 p.m. to 2:57 p.m.)
- THE COURT: All right. Did we get it fixed?
- MR. BRACCIO: Yes. Thank you, Your Honor. My
- 25 apologies.

- 1 THE COURT: Go ahead.
- 2 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 3 Q. Judge Bowman, the picture on the screen, this is trial
- 4 Exhibit 65. Do you recognize this as Rachel Gray?
- 5 A. I do from my review. I wouldn't have remembered.
- 6 Q. Do you recall that Rachel Gray had virtually no
- 7 documentation of any prior medical history?
- 8 A. I don't remember that.
- 9 Q. Do you recall that Angela Gray told detectives that she
- 10 never took Rachel to a regular doctor, just took her to the
- 11 university hospital if there was ever a problem?
- 12 A. I don't recall that.
- 13 Q. So at the top paragraph there, I'll give you a moment to
- 14 read that.
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. For purposes of this questioning, too, I'll presume that
- 17 you don't remember these things, we'll just bring up the
- 18 document to refresh your recollection.
- 19 A. All right. Thank you, very much.
- 20 Q. Of course. This is Exhibit 67, Bates Number 5573.
- 21 THE COURT: Thank you. You anticipated something I
- 22 was just about to ask you.
- 23 A. Yes, I've read the top paragraph.
- 24 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 25 Q. Angela Gray told detectives that she never took Rachel Gray

- 1 to a regular doctor, only to the university hospital when there
- 2 was a regular medical emergency.
- 3 A. I don't exactly -- sorry. This is moving around quite a
- 4 bit.
- 5 THE COURT: Maybe we can just keep one up at a time.
- 6 MR. BRACCIO: Scroll down, Daniel. Keep going.
- 7 A. It sounds like what she was saying is that the doctors that
- 8 she saw were at -- were at the university, at UMC, and that
- 9 they saw a different doctor each time.
- 10 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 11 Q. Okay. Let's go to Exhibit 66, 5180.
- 12 A. She says she can't remember when the last time was that she
- 13 took her to a doctor, it had been a while. But she goes to the
- 14 university, the hospital, the pediatric department, her doctor
- 15 changes every time.
- 16 Q. And Angela told detectives that Rachel was tiny and
- 17 slightly anemic, do you recall that?
- 18 A. Is that in front of me?
- 19 Q. Exhibit 66, Bates number 5186, at the top of that page.
- 20 MR. BRACCIO: I apologize, Your Honor, this is a
- 21 little clunky. A lot of these don't have page numbers on them.
- 22 We should pick up the pace with some of them.
- THE COURT: That's fine.
- 24 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry, I don't see them.
- 25 BY MR. BRACCIO:

- 1 Q. The second question down: Does she have any other medical
- 2 problems at all? She's -- I think the biggest medical problem
- 3 she's ever had is she's slightly anemic.
- 4 A. Oh, yes, I see that.
- 5 Q. 5208. Right in the middle of the page.
- 6 THE COURT: Still the same exhibit?
- 7 MR. BRACCIO: Still the same exhibit, yes.
- 8 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 9 Q. Right there, the third question down: She's a skinny
- 10 little thing, too? And Angela Gray replies: She is tiny.
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. So based upon what Angela Gray is telling detectives, there
- 13 had never been any major medical issues with this child
- 14 requiring hospitalization, correct?
- 15 A. I am not a hundred percent sure about that.
- 16 Q. Okay. In your files, did you have any other documentation
- 17 that Rachel Gray had ever had any other major medical injuries?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Prior to Angela and her children moving in with Barry
- Jones, no one had ever hurt the kids, correct?
- 21 A. I don't know that.
- Q. Okay. This is Exhibit 1, Bates Number 576, at Line 5.
- 23 A. I am not sure what you're asking me.
- 24 Q. Okay. I'm asking you if Angela had reported to detectives
- 25 that, prior to moving in with Barry Jones, no one had ever hurt

- 1 the kids before.
- 2 A. You're asking me if that's what Line 5 says?
- 3 Q. Correct. And Line 21.
- 4 A. Line 5 says: He has never, ever hit the kids or me. But I
- 5 don't know who she's talking about.
- 6 MR. BRACCIO: Scroll.
- 7 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 8 Q. Okay. Maybe Line 21 will clear it up for us.
- 9 A. Line 21 says: Oh, no, no. He -- nobody has ever hurt
- 10 my kids. He used to slap me.
- 11 THE COURT: Okay. Counsel, I'm sorry, but this keeps
- 12 referring to "he," and it's not clear from this document
- 13 whether -- who the "he" is that the witness is referring to --
- MR. BRACCIO: Back up a page.
- 15 THE COURT: -- that Ms. Gray is responding.
- 16 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 17 Q. Do you recall that Angela was talking about her
- 18 ex-boyfriend, Zoly?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. Let's scroll down to 575 at the bottom.
- 21 THE COURT: Again, this is just earlier in the same
- 22 interview?
- MR. BRACCIO: Correct.
- 24 THE COURT: I just want to make sure -- we're jumping
- 25 around a bit.

- 1 MR. BRACCIO: Right.
- 2 THE COURT: Maybe you can help me understand. This is
- 3 an interview by whom of --
- 4 MR. BRACCIO: Sure.
- 5 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 6 Q. Do you recall that Angela Gray gave three statements to
- 7 detectives in this case?
- 8 A. I don't recall that, but if that's what the record says --
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. -- then....
- MR. BRACCIO: Your Honor, this is -- I can pull them
- 12 up, each by individual Bates numbers, but Angela Gray gave --
- 13 THE COURT: I just think you need to let the witness
- 14 know what interview you're talking about and who the "he" is
- 15 that Ms. Gray is referring to, because it's not clear to me who
- 16 she is talking about.
- 17 MR. BRACCIO: Okay.
- 18 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 19 Q. Go back to 576 at Line 21.
- 20 At Line 21, Angela tells detectives "nobody has ever hurt
- 21 my kids, "correct? "Nobody." She's not referring to a single
- 22 person. She's saying "nobody has ever hurt my kids."
- 23 A. Yes, she says, "he, nobody, has ever hurt my kids."
- Q. Angela's sister Amanda told detectives that she had also
- 25 never seen any children with bruising before Angela and the

- 1 kids moved in with Barry Jones, do you recall that?
- 2 A. I don't.
- 3 Q. Exhibit 1, 2294. Last paragraph.
- 4 A. Can you ask me the question again, please.
- 5 Q. Of course. If at any time you want me to pull this
- 6 interview back up to the front page so you can see who it is,
- 7 or the top of the page will usually indicate who is being
- 8 interviewed, I am happy to do that.
- 9 A. This says "medical record."
- 10 Q. Right. Okay.
- 11 A. I don't really know what this is.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. Got it. All right. So it's from the University Medical
- 14 Center. From.... I'm not sure what....
- 15 THE COURT: I'm sorry. Counsel, you know, look, this
- isn't a guessing game where the witness is supposed to try to
- 17 figure out what the exhibit is. Can you just identify what the
- 18 exhibit is, the proposition for which you're purporting this.
- 19 MR. BRACCIO: Yes.
- 20 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 21 Q. Judge Bowman, this comes from your trial file, and this is
- 22 a document of the medical center report talking about the
- 23 children. So you had this in your file when you were preparing
- 24 for Barry Jones' trial.
- 25 A. Okay. I see now it's dated May 9th, 1994.

- 1 Q. Correct. So at the bottom of that page they document that
- 2 Angela Gray's sister, Amanda, reported that she had never
- 3 observed any bruising on any of the children before, correct?
- 4 A. She said she had not seen any bruising in the past.
- 5 Q. Correct.
- 6 Okay. Let's go to Exhibit 66, Bates Number 4904. This is
- 7 Amanda's Gray's police interview.
- 8 At the very top of the page, the question is does she also
- 9 confirm this statement to detectives: So this is the first
- 10 time you saw any kind of bruising on any of them?
- 11 A. She said she hadn't seen the kids a lot, but she never felt
- 12 that the children were in physical danger.
- I don't see anything about bruising. In the question I do,
- 14 but not in the answer.
- 15 Q. Okay. Just establishing that she had never felt that the
- 16 children were in any danger anywhere else.
- 17 A. Right.
- 18 Q. Okay. Let's pull up 4748.
- 19 THE COURT: It's all from the same exhibit?
- MR. BRACCIO: There's four exhibits that these are in.
- 21 This, I believe, was from -- this is from the disclosure, Your
- 22 Honor. I can find that number.
- 23 THE COURT: I think it's important so that we have an
- 24 accurate record.
- 25 BY MR. BRACCIO:

- 1 Q. You learned that Barry Jones used methamphetamines pretty
- 2 extensively and sold drugs, correct?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. According to Terry Shane, he sold a lot of drugs? This is
- 5 Exhibit 66, Bates 4950.
- 6 A. Terry -- this looks like Terry Richmond.
- 7 Q. Correct. If you'll recall, Terry Richmond was the son of
- 8 Joyce Richmond, who was Barry Jones' girlfriend.
- 9 A. I don't exactly recall that, but -- and I am sorry, what's
- 10 the question?
- 11 Q. The question was you knew that Barry Jones sold a lot of
- 12 drugs, methamphetamines.
- 13 A. I did.
- 14 Q. And his connection for his drugs, Hal, got busted and he
- 15 had a chop shop. Do you recall that?
- 16 A. I don't remember that.
- 17 MR. BRACCIO: Scroll down. This is 4950.
- THE COURT: This is Page 4950 of what?
- 19 MR. BRACCIO: Bates number of Exhibit 66.
- Tell you what, we'll move on.
- 21 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 22 Q. You recall that Barry Jones sold a lot of drugs.
- 23 A. I don't know that I knew he sold a lot of drugs. I knew he
- 24 was doing methamphetamine. I knew that there were drugs sales.
- 25 I don't remember a lot of the detail about that.

- 1 O. Do you recall that numerous witnesses described that he
- 2 used a lot of drugs?
- 3 A. I don't recall what witnesses exactly told me.
- 4 Q. Okay. Exhibit 66, Bates Number 926.
- 5 THE COURT: Now this is going to be referring to
- 6 Exhibit 1?
- 7 MR. BRACCIO: Exhibit 1.
- 8 THE COURT: Page 926.
- 9 MR. BRACCIO: Bates Number 926.
- 10 THE COURT: What is it?
- 11 MR. BRACCIO: This is a police interview of Carol
- 12 Jones, who was Barry Jones' ex-wife.
- 13 THE COURT: Go ahead.
- 14 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 15 Q. Do you recall that Carol, Jones' ex-wife, indicated that he
- 16 was using coke, speed, whatever he could get his hands on?
- 17 A. Yes. She was asked what kind of drugs he was using then.
- 18 I'm not sure when "then" was. But I knew he was using drugs.
- 19 Q. Do you recall that Rosemary St. Charles also confirmed that
- 20 he was using drugs around the time that he was living with
- 21 Angela Gray and her children?
- 22 A. I don't remember that it came from her.
- 23 Q. Do you recall that Angela did methamphetamines?
- 24 A. I knew that.
- 25 Q. Do you recall that Angela and Barry did crystal

- 1 methamphetamines together four or five days before Rachel's
- 2 homicide?
- 3 A. I think that's right.
- 4 Q. Barry even admitted in a police interview that he did
- 5 methamphetamines four or five days before Rachel's homicide,
- 6 correct?
- 7 A. I don't remember that it came from the police interview,
- 8 but I knew that information.
- 9 Q. You did know that he was doing drugs four to five days
- 10 beforehand?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. You had a lot of problems with witnesses in this case,
- including Brandie Jones, correct?
- 14 A. What do you mean?
- 15 Q. I'll tell you what, I'll come back to that. Let's start
- 16 with the timeline.
- 17 Through the police investigation and your own
- 18 investigation, you knew a lot of the following, correct? At
- one point Barry Jones had been charged with statutory rape?
- 20 MR. SANDMAN: Your Honor, excuse me, I am sorry to
- 21 interrupt. We saw that one item at the top of the timeline and
- 22 checked it out and noticed at Page 2404 of Exhibit 1 that
- 23 certain records regarding Mr. Jones as a juvenile were not even
- 24 subpoenaed until after the trial, on May 8th, 1995, and I don't
- 25 see how any of this would be relevant to what trial counsel

- 1 knew before the trial.
- 2 Secondly, there is no record anywhere in Mr. Jones'
- 3 juvenile record that he was actually adjudicated for statutory
- 4 rape. There is a reference to it, which I understand was
- 5 really two 16-year-old kids who may have had some kind of
- 6 consensual I-don't-know-what.
- 7 But there is no record of a statutory rape. There's a
- 8 reference to it in some juvenile records that were received
- 9 after the jury trial. Obviously this sort of character
- 10 evidence would never go to a jury, but if it's intended to show
- 11 what the lawyers knew before trial, they didn't have this
- 12 information.
- 13 THE COURT: I think she can answer the question as to
- 14 whether or not she knew of it, because I think that's the
- 15 question. So I understand your concern. Because it's not
- 16 really framed as an objection, I'll take it as a concern.
- 17 Why don't you answer the question.
- 18 A. I don't remember that.
- MR. BRACCIO: Let's pull up Exhibit 1, Bates 2248.
- 20 Go down to 2450, please. That top paragraph there.
- 21 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 22 Q. Barry was referred to the Vision Quest program by the
- 23 Juvenile Court authorities of Cochise County. He entered the
- 24 program on December 19th, 1974. The reason for his admission
- 25 was the charge against him of statutory rape.

- 1 Do you recall that now?
- 2 A. I don't. I do remember something about Vision Quest, but I
- 3 don't remember any of the specifics.
- 4 Q. Do you recall that Barry Jones also had a prior felony for
- 5 exhibiting a deadly weapon on June 12th, 1978?
- 6 A. I remember there was some kind of prior criminal history,
- 7 but I don't remember the details or the timing.
- 8 Q. On your screen should be that prior felony.
- 9 THE COURT: Again, exhibit and page number?
- 10 MR. BRACCIO: Yeah. I'm sorry, Your Honor.
- 11 That's Exhibit 1, Bates 2302.
- 12 THE COURT: Thank you.
- 13 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 14 Q. Do you recall that Barry Jones married a woman named Carol
- 15 and had children with her, including Brandie Jones?
- 16 A. I knew that, yes.
- 17 Q. And you learned from police reports that Carol showed up to
- 18 the police department the day after Rachel's death stating that
- 19 Barry Jones had previously beat their children?
- 20 A. I remember that she came forward, and I remember she
- 21 provided some sort of negative information, but I don't
- 22 remember those specifics.
- 23 Q. Okay. This is Exhibit 1, Page 916. This is an interview
- 24 with Carol Elaine Jones with Detective O'Connor?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. In the highlighting there she indicates that she had been
- 2 married to Barry.
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 THE COURT: She's waiting for a question.
- 5 MR. BRACCIO: I thought I'd asked the question.
- 6 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 7 Q. So you learned from the police reports that Carol showed up
- 8 to the police department the day after Rachel's death stating
- 9 that Barry Jones had previously beat their children, correct?
- 10 MR. SANDMAN: Your Honor, I object because -- I guess
- 11 I'm not seeing that in the document, any beating or the
- 12 reference to it. Maybe I missed it.
- 13 A. You're saying it was more than a spanking, it was, like,
- 14 overdoing it?
- 15 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 16 Q. Correct.
- 17 A. I see that. I don't remember that, but I see it.
- 18 THE COURT: I'm sorry. Your question is was she aware
- 19 of this information?
- MR. BRACCIO: Correct.
- 21 THE COURT: So that's the question to you: Were you
- 22 aware of this information at the time?
- 23 THE WITNESS: I don't remember that, but I see it in
- 24 the transcript.
- MR. BRACCIO: Okay.

- 1 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 2 Q. Carol also told detectives that when they were married
- 3 Barry Jones lost his job and became increasingly violent and
- 4 was doing drugs. Do you recall that?
- 5 A. I don't recall.
- 6 Q. 918. Go up right there at the very top.
- 7 That large paragraph right there, "was there ever a time?"
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Does that refresh your recollection that she told
- 10 detectives that when she was married to Barry he lost his job
- and became increasingly violent and was doing drugs?
- 12 A. I don't recall it, but I see it in the transcript.
- 13 THE COURT: I'm sorry. Just to make sure that I am
- 14 following this, these exhibits that you are referring to are
- 15 exhibits that came from the witness' files in regard to this
- 16 case?
- 17 MR. BRACCIO: Correct, Your Honor. I'm sorry if I
- 18 have not been clear --
- 19 THE COURT: I just want to make sure that we're all on
- 20 the same page here. So that's the source of the exhibits
- 21 you've been referring to. You're now asking her specific
- 22 questions about whether or not she remembers this information
- 23 that were in her files at that time.
- MR. BRACCIO: Correct.
- THE COURT: Go ahead.

- 1 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 2 Q. In your file, just to make sure we're very clear, you had
- 3 all the police reports in this case, all the police interviews,
- 4 all of your witness interviews, and the disclosures from the
- 5 state, correct?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. That makes up almost the entirety of your file, with the
- 8 exception of your notes?
- 9 A. Yeah, and maybe some motions, letters, you know, the
- 10 regular things that would be in the file.
- 11 Q. Sure. Carol also told police that Barry Jones threatened
- 12 to kill their children if she left, do you recall that?
- 13 A. I don't. I see it in the transcript.
- 14 THE COURT: I think we moved to a different page. So
- if you can make sure that we're -- exhibit number and page.
- MR. BRACCIO: Sorry, Your Honor. I will get that
- 17 down. That is Bates Number 920.
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- MR. BRACCIO: Bates Number 927.
- 20 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 21 Q. So between Pages 927 and 928 here, in Exhibit 1, Carol told
- 22 detectives that he had threatened to kill the children if she
- 23 left.
- 24 A. It says he was calling her on the phone and saying he was
- 25 "going to kill me and the kids." I'm not sure who "her" was.

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- 1 But that's what it says.
- 2 Q. You're indicating that you have a problem with what part of
- 3 that?
- 4 A. No, I don't have a problem.
- 5 THE COURT: She said it doesn't indicate who "her"
- 6 was.
- 7 MR. BRACCIO: Got it. That's okay.
- 8 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 9 Q. Carol reported to police that Jones had hit his children on
- 10 numerous occasions and that these hits were excessive, do you
- 11 recall that?
- 12 A. Is that what we just looked at, where she said it was more
- 13 than a spanking?
- 14 O. Correct.
- Why don't we pull up the defense interview. This is
- 16 Exhibit 1, Page 962. I have line numbers for this, Lines 5
- 17 through 27. At Lines 5 through 27 there.
- 18 A. You're asking me if she told me this or if she told the
- 19 police things?
- 20 Q. Yes. Carol Jones was interviewed by police, she came
- 21 forward the day after Rachel's death, correct?
- 22 A. But this is an interview -- this is me interviewing her.
- 23 Q. Correct. So this would be part of your trial file, right?
- 24 A. Right.
- 25 Q. So this would be something that you were aware of in

- 1 preparing a defense for Barry Jones, correct?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. So you did an interview of Carol Jones in this case,
- 4 correct?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And this is that defense interview?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. So at Lines 5 through 27, Carol Jones tells you that he had
- 9 hit his children on numerous occasions and the hits were
- 10 excessive, correct?
- 11 A. I'm sorry. Where is that?
- 12 Q. Lines 5 through 27.
- 13 A. I can't see.
- 14 MR. BRACCIO: Can we scroll up that Line 5, please.
- 15 THE COURT: If you're asking to read all the way down
- 16 to 27, it only goes to 24.
- MR. BRACCIO: Oh, geez.
- 18 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry, can you ask the question
- 19 again?
- 20 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 21 Q. No problem. I think the difficulty is I'm trying to
- 22 refresh your recollection with the document but I am asking the
- 23 question beforehand.
- 24 A. Yeah, this doesn't refresh my recollection. If you're
- 25 asking me what's in the transcript --

- 1 Q. Correct.
- 2 A. -- I am happy to confirm that, but I don't remember this.
- 3 Q. Okay. Do you recall that he would use a belt or his hand
- 4 or his elbow and he struck them in the head or shoulder?
- 5 A. Where is that?
- 6 Q. It's on this page, Lines 18 through 22.
- Well, yeah, I mean, for them being kids, he did leave marks
- 8 on them. I mean, like the belt. But not bruises or nothing
- 9 like that. He only gave them three swats. But it was, like,
- 10 his anger.
- 11 THE COURT: So, counsel, I think what the witness has
- 12 said is that she's read it, she doesn't dispute what's in the
- 13 transcript, but it's not refreshing her recollection.
- MR. BRACCIO: Okay.
- 15 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I just don't remember. I know
- 16 there were problems in the marriage. I know that she reported
- 17 that I think he was drinking and maybe using drugs, that he was
- 18 aggressive with her and the children. I just don't remember
- 19 all the details that are in the interviews.
- 20 But if it's in these transcripts and I had these in my
- 21 file, I was aware of it because I read everything.
- 22 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 23 Q. Exhibit 66, Bates 4894.
- 24 Do you recall that Carol --
- THE COURT: I'm sorry. This is again what?

- 1 MR. BRACCIO: This is Exhibit 66 --
- THE COURT: I know the number, but what is it?
- MR. BRACCIO: This is the police report by Detective
- 4 O'Connor that would have been part of the Bates -- part of the
- 5 original disclosures from the state, the police reports.
- 6 THE COURT: Fine. Go ahead.
- 7 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 8 Q. Do you recall that she told detectives that Barry would
- 9 elbow their child in a backhand fashion while they were trying
- 10 to leave a room at the same time?
- 11 A. I don't recall it, but I see it in the report.
- 12 Q. That he would backhand elbow them? If they were behind
- 13 him, he would swing his elbow back and strike them?
- 14 A. He would elbow the child in a backhand fashion while they
- 15 were trying to leave the room at the same time he was.
- MR. BRACCIO: Exhibit 1, 935.
- 17 THE COURT: And this is?
- MR. BRACCIO: This is Exhibit 1. I'm sorry.
- 19 THE COURT: I heard the numbers, I just need to know
- 20 what it is.
- 21 MR. BRACCIO: This is the Carol police interview.
- THE COURT: What's your question?
- 23 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 24 Q. That Barry Jones would, quote, backhand elbow them. If
- 25 they were behind him, he would swing his elbow back and strike

- 1 them?
- 2 A. I'm sorry, where is that?
- 3 THE COURT: I'm sorry. Wait. Are you asking her if
- 4 she remembers that information?
- 5 MR. BRACCIO: Yes.
- 6 THE COURT: So that's the first question to you: Do
- 7 you remember that information?
- 8 THE WITNESS: I don't.
- 9 THE COURT: Is there someplace in here you want her to
- 10 read?
- 11 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 12 Q. At the top of that page. When you say, "elbow," how would
- 13 you describe that? On the way you're describing. She answers:
- 14 Backhand, elbow. Then he would swing his elbow back and
- 15 strike? Yeah.
- 16 A. I'm sorry. Where?
- 17 Q. It's right in the middle of the page.
- 18 A. Okay. I got it. So the question is he would swing his
- 19 elbow back and strike them that way, and she said yeah.
- 20 Q. Do you recall that Carol provided the names of her sisters
- 21 who would corroborate this abuse?
- 22 A. I don't recall that.
- 23 Q. Go to 922 at the bottom. Keep going down.
- 24 This is, again, the police interview of Carol Jones.
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 O. And she provided the names of her sisters who would
- 2 corroborate all the abuse of Barry Jones against his children?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Carol eventually got to a point where she was not
- 5 comfortable leaving the kids alone with Barry Jones and would
- 6 have her mother come stay with them, do you remember that?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. This is Exhibit 1, 951, at Lines 15 through 25.
- 9 A. I'm sorry, will you ask me the question again.
- 10 Q. Sure. Of course. The question was Carol eventually got --
- 11 Carol told detectives that she eventually got to a point where
- 12 she was not comfortable leaving the kids alone with Barry Jones
- 13 and would have her mother come stay with them, correct?
- 14 A. She said that she had her sisters and her mom watch the
- 15 kids in the last year of their relationship.
- 16 Q. And the reason she said that is because they're talking
- 17 about the prior abuse, correct?
- 18 A. She said she was worried about some bruising she saw on
- 19 Brandie and she thought that Barry had done that by taking the
- 20 belt to the kids. She said it was just one time.
- 21 Q. Okay. Let's go to Exhibit 1, 966, 1 through 11.
- 22 A. Oh, this one says that. I asked her: Were you not
- 23 comfortable leaving the kids with him? And she said yeah.
- 24 Q. Correct. And Carol eventually had to get a restraining
- 25 order against Barry Jones because of the violence against his

- 1 own children. That's something you knew in this case, correct?
- 2 A. I don't remember that now, but if it's in the file then I
- 3 knew it.
- 4 Q. You don't recall the order of protection?
- 5 A. I don't remember that.
- 6 Q. Pull up 2238. This is in exhibit -- oh, this is a
- 7 disclosure.
- 8 Go to 922, Exhibit 1. Pull up the restraining order. It's
- 9 2238.
- 10 Okay. This is the order of protection that Carol Jones
- 11 filed against Barry Jones, correct?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Okay. And she felt that they were, quote, in imminent
- 14 danger?
- 15 A. I can't see that.
- 16 Q. Right there.
- MR. SANDMAN: Your Honor, I'm sorry, I guess I have to
- 18 register an objection because that page is a CPS temporary
- 19 custody notice. It has nothing to do with an order of
- 20 protection. It's a completely different document. The page
- 21 above it was an order of protection. This is an Arizona
- 22 Department of Economic Security Temporary Custody Notice.
- MR. BRACCIO: I can clarify.
- 24 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 25 Q. As of April of '92, Carol Jones is reporting that Brandie

- 1 Jones, her daughter, is in imminent danger, correct?
- 2 A. I don't know.
- 3 THE COURT: Wait. Are you saying this wasn't in her
- 4 file?
- 5 MR. SANDMAN: I'm saying that we went from a question
- 6 about an order of protection to the document that is up on the
- 7 screen, which has nothing to do with an order of protection.
- 8 It's a temporary custody notice, which resulted from Brandie
- 9 jumping out of a moving car that her mother was driving. And I
- 10 think we're going to need -- I'm sorry, I have to object
- 11 because there's -- counsel's characterizing this as a document
- 12 that it is not and is suggesting that the report resulted from
- 13 a report against Mr. Jones, which it is not. It was related to
- 14 Brandie jumping out of a moving car that her mother was
- 15 driving.
- 16 THE COURT: I think you've cleared it up. Are you
- 17 disputing the fact that it's two different documents?
- MR. BRACCIO: Go to the top of the screen of the order
- 19 of protection. I think this document may be attached to the
- 20 order of protection.
- MR. SANDMAN: I'm sorry, there is no evidence of that.
- 22 You know, I can't simply allow people to be guessing about
- 23 whether documents are attached or not attached. There's an
- 24 entire CPS file regarding that temporary custody notice. I
- 25 don't have it at my fingertips, but we could produce it fairly

- 1 quickly if we had to. It has nothing to do with the order of
- 2 protection.
- 3 THE COURT: Could you go to the next page for me,
- 4 please. Scroll down, please.
- 5 MR. SANDMAN: Judge, I believe that CPS report is
- 6 dated in April of '92 and the protective order --
- 7 THE COURT: July of '92.
- 8 MR. SANDMAN: -- was May, so obviously the April
- 9 report couldn't be attached to the May report.
- THE COURT: Could you go up to the...?
- 11 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 12 Q. Do you recall in Carol Jones' interview that she told
- 13 police --
- 14 MR. BRACCIO: I'm sorry, Your Honor. Do you want us
- 15 to go back?
- 16 THE COURT: I do. I think we need to answer this
- 17 question.
- 18 MR. BRACCIO: Okay. I was trying to answer it in a
- 19 different fashion, because I believe Carol Jones told police
- 20 that she had taken out the restraining order on Barry Jones, so
- 21 I was just going to use her testimony to establish that point.
- 22 It sounds like Mr. Sandman's --
- THE COURT: Mr. Sandman is concerned that you're
- 24 conflating two different documents and that one may be
- 25 referring to -- not to Mr. Jones. That the -- this is the

- 1 first page.
- 2 MR. BRACCIO: No.
- 3 THE COURT: Hold on. I can't even read the date on
- 4 this thing. If you go down on this 5/30/ -- does that say '90?
- 5 MR. BRACCIO: '92. I believe it was 1992. This was
- 6 two years before this case.
- 7 THE COURT: If you'd go to on the next page.
- MR. BRACCIO: The date on that is 4/9/92.
- 9 So my understanding was the document was filed by Carol
- 10 Jones with the Department, with DES, reported that she felt the
- 11 children were in imminent danger and then ultimately obtained
- 12 the order of protection.
- MR. SANDMAN: You know, I'm sorry, Judge, but we
- 14 would -- there is just no evidence of that other than counsel's
- 15 interpretation. I think -- I am very concerned combining
- 16 documents --
- 17 THE COURT: I understand the objection.
- 18 Ask your next question.
- MR. BRACCIO: Sure.
- 20 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 21 Q. Judge, there is an order of protection in your files,
- 22 correct?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. And this was about two years before Rachel's homicide?
- 25 A. Can I see the order of protection again? I'm sorry.

- 1 Q. Yeah. Scroll up.
- 2 A. You're saying that says May, something, 1992?
- 3 O. Correct.
- 4 A. I can't tell that that's what it says, but if it does say
- 5 that, it's about two years before Rachel's death.
- 6 THE COURT: Just to add to the confusion, this
- 7 document is referencing concern about Mr. Jones committing
- 8 domestic violence upon Carol Jones. And the next page is
- 9 discussing Brandie Jones. Which, I tend to agree with
- 10 Mr. Sandman, these seem to be talking about two completely
- 11 different things.
- MR. BRACCIO: So, Your Honor, I guess it is ordered
- 13 that Barry Lee Jones -- the first box is checked -- shall
- 14 commit no domestic violence upon Carol E. Jones, comma; Brandie
- 15 Jones on the next line there, comma; I can't read the second
- 16 name, comma; Andrew Jones. So it's all of the children.
- 17 THE COURT: Well, if you can sometime in the future
- 18 establish that the second page was somehow attached to the
- 19 first page, I'll consider it. But for the time being, I'm
- 20 sustaining the objection.
- 21 So go ahead and ask your next question.
- MR. BRACCIO: Sure.
- 23 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- Q. Carol eventually separated from Barry Jones, do you recall
- 25 that?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. So, continuing on, you had reports very early on in your
- 3 investigation that Barry was suicidal, out of work, recently
- 4 separated from Carol, and in possession of loaded guns around
- 5 May of 1992, correct?
- 6 A. I don't specifically remember all of those things.
- 7 Q. Okay. Exhibit 1, Bates 2304. 2309.
- 8 I can move on while we're waiting for that.
- 9 Let's talk about Angela and her children. Do you recall
- 10 Angela lived with a man named Zoly for two and a half years
- 11 before she met and moved in with Barry Jones?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And Angela repeatedly told detectives that Zoly was really
- 14 good with the kids, he never abused any of them?
- 15 A. I don't exactly remember that. I remember she had to send
- 16 someone to get the children when she left. I think he liked
- 17 them, but I don't remember what the situation was exactly.
- 18 Q. This is Exhibit 66. 5183.
- 19 So this is a police interview with Angela Gray?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Angela told detectives that Zoly was really good with the
- 22 kids, he never abused any of them.
- 23 A. Where is that? Is that on this page?
- 24 Q. Yeah, it should be. Scroll up one more page, Daniel.
- 25 So at the bottom there, said: I lived with Zoly for like

- 1 two and a half years.
- 2 A. Yeah.
- 3 Q. Zoly is the individual that you were referring to earlier
- 4 when it indicated that he may be a suspect in this case?
- 5 A. I don't remember that. I think it was information that he
- 6 gave about maybe -- maybe about Johnny. I am not sure. I
- 7 don't remember that.
- 8 Q. Okay. Scroll down.
- 9 So Detective Pesquiera, I believe in this case, was asking
- 10 you about -- asking Carol -- asking Angela Gray about Zoly --
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. -- and she indicated that she never had any problems with
- 13 him, he was really good with the kids. At the very top of
- 14 that:
- Question: Did you ever have any problems with him the way
- 16 he treated her?
- Not with the way he treated her. I did have some problems
- 18 with the way he treated me.
- 19 A. Is "her" Rachel?
- 20 Q. Scroll up.
- 21 Rachel.
- 22 A. Yeah, it says he was close to Rachel.
- 23 Q. Correct.
- 24 A. And that he had -- let's see. He didn't -- she didn't have
- 25 problems with the way he treated Rachel.

- 1 Q. And right at the top of there, again, Exhibit 66, Bates
- 2 Number 5182, at the bottom, Carol Jones told detectives that
- 3 Rachel knew that Zoly was her dad and she was really close to
- 4 him, correct?
- 5 A. Angela Gray said that as far as Rachel knew, that that was
- 6 her dad and that they were really close.
- 7 Q. But you did learn that Angela spanked Rachel and Rebecca,
- 8 but not Johnny. Do you recall that?
- 9 A. I don't remember that.
- 10 Q. Exhibit 1, Bates 1184, Line 1.
- 11 A. I'm sorry, what is this?
- 12 Q. This is Rebecca's defense interview with you.
- 13 A. I don't see my initials on this.
- 14 Q. The "DD" would be David Darby, who conducted all the
- 15 witness interviews with you.
- 16 A. But I was present for this?
- 17 Q. Correct. You also asked questions during all of those,
- 18 correct?
- 19 A. I think I -- I don't see me on here but --
- 20 THE COURT: Is there some record or indication that
- 21 she was at this particular interview?
- MR. BRACCIO: Yes. So if you go up to the top of this
- 23 interview.
- 24 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 25 Q. In fact, from looking at the witness interviews, you had

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- 1 begun all of the witness interviews, correct?
- 2 A. I don't remember that, but I see that I started this one.
- 3 Q. So this was your interview, your defense interview, with
- 4 Rebecca Lux, correct?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. So you learned -- she told you that Angela spanked Rachel
- 7 and Rebecca but didn't hit Johnny?
- 8 A. I don't remember that, but if it's in here....
- 9 THE COURT: I'll tell you what, we're going to take a
- 10 brief break. I'd like to meet with counsel back in the jury
- 11 room for a moment. We're going to take about a five,
- 12 five-minute break.
- 13 (A recess was taken from 3:48 p.m. to 4:02 p.m.)
- 14 THE COURT: All right. Go ahead.
- 15 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 16 Q. Judge Bowman, do you recall that in your interview of
- 17 Rebecca....
- 18 MR. BRACCIO: I'm sorry, Your Honor. Can I have one
- 19 moment?
- THE COURT: Not a problem.
- 21 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 22 Q. Do you recall in your interview with Rebecca Lux on October
- 23 31, 1994, you asked her whether her older brother, Jonathan
- 24 Lux, had ever hit or hurt Rachel?
- 25 A. I don't remember.

- 1 Q. 1185. Lines 6 through 19.
- 2 So you asked her: Okay. What about Johnny? Did Johnny
- 3 ever hit Rachel? Rebecca responded no.
- 4 I'm sorry. David Darby asked: Did you ever see Johnny hit
- 5 Rachel? Answer: No. All right. What about you, did Johnny
- 6 ever hit you? No. Did you guys ever get into a brother and
- 7 sister fight? Yeah. Pushing and shoving sometimes? Yes. Did
- 8 he ever push you down? We'd play fight.
- 9 Correct?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. She also told you that Jonathan was always careful when he
- 12 played with Rachel so as not to hurt her because she was so
- 13 little, correct?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. She said that Jonathan was never aggressive or mean, never
- 16 had tantrums or picked fights with people, he was a normal kid,
- 17 correct?
- MR. BRACCIO: Line 5. I'm sorry, Daniel, it's --
- 19 THE COURT: I think you had it and then you scrolled
- 20 up.
- 21 THE WITNESS: It's asked if he was a pretty normal
- 22 kid, and she said yes.
- MR. BRACCIO: Scroll down.
- 24 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 25 Q. Then David Darby asked: Okay. Have you ever known him to

- 1 get aggressive or be mean or pick fights with people? No. He
- 2 was pretty mellow? Yes.
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Rebecca also said that she would never fight with or hurt
- 5 Rachel, do you recall that?
- 6 A. I don't.
- 7 Q. Again, for reference, this is Exhibit 1, Bates Number 1186.
- 8 Same interview.
- 9 A. I'm sorry --
- 10 Q. Lines 15 through 20. David Darby asked her: Did you and
- 11 Rachel ever have real fights? Answer: No. Have you ever
- 12 pushed Rachel down? No. Has she ever got hurt? No.
- 13 A. Yes, that's what it says.
- 14 Q. Confirming that these children were never seriously injured
- in the past, Angela's aunt, Donna Marini, told you that she saw
- 16 the kids four or five times in the year before she moved out to
- 17 Tucson, before Rachel's death. Do you recall that?
- 18 A. I don't.
- 19 Q. Exhibit 1, Bates 1248.
- THE COURT: That's an interview?
- MR. BRACCIO: Scroll up. Yeah, thank you, Your Honor.
- 22 THE COURT: Just so the record is clear, that's an
- 23 interview on --
- 24 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 25 Q. This was your interview of Donna Marini on October 31st,

- 1 1994?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. At Line 25, you asked or David Darby asked: Did you have
- 4 much contact with Angela and the kids prior to all this
- 5 business happening with Rachel? Donna Marini responded: No,
- 6 I'd only been out here about a year, it wasn't even a year,
- 7 when Rachel died, and I tried to make contact but she very much
- 8 kept to herself.
- 9 Then she answered at Line 32: I'd only seen them maybe
- 10 four times in that year that I'd come out.
- 11 Correct?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. The only evidence of any sort of sexual predator in Barry
- 14 Jones' trailer park was a report by Brandie that the neighbor,
- 15 Bob Dresbach, had touched her in June of '93. Do you recall
- 16 that?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Exhibit 1, Bates 2196. It indicates --
- 19 THE COURT: No, what is it?
- 20 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 21 Q. This is, again, a DES report, Child Protective Services
- 22 Intake and Investigative Report, dated 7/14/93, correct?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. This would have been, again, in your files?
- 25 A. I don't remember it, but if it was in my file then I had

- 1 it.
- 2 Q. So it states Rebecca states told babysitter that when she
- 3 went home to feed dogs, Robert, the suspect, said, quote: I
- 4 would rather have you -- in essence, he'd fondled her breasts
- 5 over shirt, then moved hands to shoulders and began pelvic
- 6 thrust from behind her. This is Brandie's accusation?
- 7 A. Yes, that's what it looks like.
- 8 Q. And Brandie's report was sent to detectives in the sex
- 9 crimes unit, correct? Do you recall that?
- 10 A. I don't know that.
- 11 Q. So, Exhibit 1, this is a Pima County Sheriff's Department
- 12 report?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 THE COURT: The Bates number?
- 15 MR. BRACCIO: The Bates number is 2198 to 2199.
- 16 THE COURT: Is that part of Exhibit 1?
- 17 MR. BRACCIO: Correct.
- THE COURT: It's dated when?
- 19 MR. BRACCIO: This is dated June 15th of '93.
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 21 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 22 Q. So Brandie's report then was sent to detectives in the sex
- 23 crimes unit?
- 24 A. If that's what this report means. I don't know that.
- 25 Q. Okay. And there's nothing else in this record -- have you

- 1 seen anything else in this record that anything has happened as
- 2 a result of this police report?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. Whether the police could corroborate this or not?
- 5 A. Not that I recall.
- 6 MR. SANDMAN: Your Honor --
- 7 MR. BRACCIO: I'm moving on from this, Your Honor.
- 8 MR. SANDMAN: My objection is that the first document,
- 9 the first CPS report, was a complaint against one of the
- 10 neighbors of Mr. Jones.
- 11 THE COURT: Correct.
- MR. SANDMAN: Now this report appears to be leveled
- 13 against a different individual, Ronald St. Charles, who is not
- 14 a neighbor of Mr. Jones.
- 15 THE COURT: There's an inconsistency there.
- MR. SANDMAN: There's some conflating of these
- 17 documents again. Yes, that's my objection.
- 18 THE COURT: Are you asserting that the first report
- 19 that we looked at is the same person who's in this report?
- 20 MR. BRACCIO: Scroll down, Daniel, to 2199. Maybe
- 21 this is the better document.
- 22 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 23 Q. Why don't we just look at 2199. This is the Pima County
- 24 Sheriff's Department report, where Brandie reports she was
- 25 touched inappropriately by a neighbor in the trailer park, Bob

- 1 Dresbach, correct?
- 2 MR. SANDMAN: Your Honor, I quess I would note a
- 3 relevancy objection to some third party inappropriately
- 4 touching one of Mr. Jones' children. I'm not sure what that
- 5 has to do with any of the issues in the case. It's obviously
- 6 an unfortunate incident, but I don't see the relevance.
- 7 THE COURT: What's the relevance?
- 8 MR. BRACCIO: I can certainly respond to that. There
- 9 has been an accusation against these attorneys that they failed
- 10 to investigate any other suspects in the area and that they
- 11 exclusively focused on Barry Jones and only to that Sunday.
- 12 This establishes pretty clearly it's in her files, she's aware
- of these other suspects or these other people in the trailer
- 14 park.
- 15 THE COURT: I'm going to overrule the objection. Go
- 16 ahead.
- MR. BRACCIO: We'll move on.
- 18 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 19 Q. Let's talk about the facts that detectives and you gathered
- in the months before Rachel's homicide.
- 21 Do you remember Ronald St. Charles?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. He was a friend of Barry Jones?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. He used to live in the Desert Vista Trailer Park with Barry

Jones?

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- 2 A. I don't remember that.
- 3 Q. Exhibit 1, 1537. Hold on right there.
- 4 This is your interview of Ron St. Charles, correct?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. In this interview, you actually didn't indicate what date
- 7 you were doing this on, correct?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 MR. BRACCIO: 1537.
- 10 THE COURT: Just a point of clarification. Is it fair
- 11 to assume, Judge Bowman, this was done at the time you were
- 12 interviewing other witnesses in preparation for the trial in
- 13 this case?
- 14 THE WITNESS: Yes, it is.
- 15 THE COURT: Thank you. Go ahead.
- 16 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 17 Q. Line 16: Until about -- oh, Lord, I -- uh, about a month
- 18 before I left Tucson, I moved from the trailer court close to
- 19 where Barry lives out to the desert, and that's about the time
- 20 our visits became less and less frequent because of the
- 21 distance.
- 22 So he indicated that he moved out of the Desert Vista
- 23 Trailer Park into the desert?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. So he was obviously not living in the trailer park when

- 1 Rachel was suffering the abuse in April of 1994, correct?
- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 Q. Do you recall that Angela had problems with Zoly and began
- 4 dating Barry Jones in early of 1994?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. In April of 1994, Angela and her children, Rebecca,
- 7 Jonathan and Rachel, moved in with Barry Jones.
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And Angela's sister Amanda described it as a "filthy, messy
- 10 hovel"?
- 11 A. I don't remember that, but if she did she was right.
- 12 Q. This would be Exhibit 66, 4902. Right down there at the
- 13 middle. This is the interview of Amanda Gray. The police
- 14 interview.
- THE COURT: What date?
- MR. BRACCIO: Yeah.
- 17 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 18 Q. And she indicated it's just -- she said the court reporter
- 19 wrote it down as "hobble," but it's --
- THE COURT: Did you give the date?
- MR. BRACCIO: I'm sorry.
- 22 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 23 Q. This was her interview on May 2nd, 1994, correct?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. And she had described it as a "filthy hovel"?

- 1 Question: No, I haven't yet. Answer: It's just a hobble.
- 2 You know, I mean, it's just....
- 3 And the detective asked her: And what do you mean by
- 4 "hobble"? It's a mess or it's just in the bad area or what?
- 5 Answer: It's in a bad area. It's a filthy mess. It's tiny,
- 6 it's falling apart, it's filthy. It's -- I mean, I'm sure
- 7 everybody will go out and look at it.
- 8 Correct?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Do you recall a woman by the name of Joyce Richmond?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Do you recall that she had several aliases in this case?
- 13 A. I think I remember one of them at least.
- 14 Q. Which one was that?
- 15 A. Was that Alice Knight?
- 16 Q. Correct. Alice Knight and Rose or Rosie?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Do you recall who she was?
- 19 A. I know she was at least a friend of Mr. Jones, maybe a
- 20 girlfriend.
- 21 Q. You do recall that she was his girlfriend?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Do you recall that she had a daughter named Alisha
- 24 (phonetic)?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 O. And that she moved back from Montana in April of 1994 and
- 2 moved in with her mother Patty in the trailer park?
- 3 A. I don't exactly remember that.
- 4 Q. Do you recall that you interviewed Joyce?
- 5 A. I know I did. I don't exactly recall it, but I know I did.
- 6 Q. 1341. Line 11.
- 7 And in your interview, you asked her: Well, when you
- 8 say -- you asked her at Line 4: Okay, can you give me an idea
- 9 about how often you would see Barry Jones? And she indicated
- 10 every day. Correct?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And you said: In what time frame? She says: Well, when
- 13 you say every day, what are you talking about? Like April? Or
- 14 are you talking about months before that? She answers: Since
- 15 I came back from Montana, every day. Correct?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And you asked her when was that that you came back? She
- 18 said: April, I think. Correct?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. You had asked her: Okay, and where were you and your
- 21 daughter during that time, if you know? She answered: Alisha
- 22 stayed at our house because she was going to stay there with
- 23 Patty in case Laura had to run also. Correct?
- 24 A. That's what she said.
- 25 Q. So Alisha and her mother, Joyce, moved back in with her

- 1 mother, Patty, in the trailer park, correct?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And she saw Barry Jones every day during that time that she
- 4 was there.
- 5 A. That's what she said, yes.
- 6 Q. Do you recall that Alisha said that she only saw Rebecca,
- 7 Johnny and Rachel three or four times during that month before
- 8 Rachel's death and only for a couple minutes each time?
- 9 A. I don't remember.
- 10 Q. This is Exhibit 1, 1341. This is the same interview that
- 11 you did with Joyce.
- 12 I'm sorry. It's 1457.
- Do you recall that you interviewed Alisha as well?
- 14 A. I don't recall it, but I see that this is a transcript.
- 15 Q. You asked: How many times do you think you've met them?
- 16 She indicated three or four.
- 17 A. Yes. I don't know who "them" is. I don't know who she was
- 18 talking --
- 19 Q. Right there at Line 23, this is Bates Number 1456, in that
- 20 same interview you asked: Did you ever meet her children? She
- 21 has three children, Becky, Johnny and Rachel. She indicated
- 22 yeah. You asked her: How many times do you think you've met
- 23 them? She answered three or four. You asked: Did you ever
- 24 spend any amount of time with them or did you just see them at
- 25 the trailer? She answered: I would just go in and they'd come

- 1 up and just talk to me for a couple minutes.
- 2 Correct?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. You knew that Barry Jones was driving a yellow van that
- 5 belonged to his twin brother, Larry, correct?
- 6 A. I remember the yellow van, I don't remember that it
- 7 belonged to Larry.
- 8 Q. Detectives interviewed Larry -- let's pull up Exhibit 66.
- 9 The police interview with Larry Jones.
- 10 This is a police interview of Larry Jones, Barry Jones'
- 11 twin brother, on May 2nd, 1994, correct?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. This indicates that Larry Jones let Barry Jones borrow his
- 14 van, correct?
- 15 A. Yeah, it says -- they asked: Who drives the van right now?
- 16 Excuse me. He says: My brother's in charge of the van.
- 17 Q. Go one up. 265. Right there.
- Do you recall that that's the van?
- 19 A. When I can see the inside of it, I can tell. Otherwise, I
- 20 probably wouldn't recognize it.
- 21 Q. Do you recall that Barry told the kids that they were not
- 22 allowed to play in the van because it didn't belong to him?
- 23 A. I don't remember the part about it not belonging to him,
- 24 but I remember that he told the kids they couldn't play in the
- 25 van.

- 1 Q. A number of witnesses interviewed by the police at the
- 2 trailer park confirmed that they had never seen any kids
- 3 playing in the van. Do you recall that?
- 4 A. I don't remember.
- 5 Q. These are police reports dated May 2nd, 1994. Right there,
- 6 you see Mack MacCloud?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Stated that he had only lived in the park for about a year
- 9 and didn't really know anyone. I asked him if he had ever
- 10 noticed kids in the neighborhood being allowed to play inside
- 11 the vehicles, and he stated, no, he had never seen that.
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. 5108. This is a continuation of that police report.
- 14 Here is Bob Dresbach. He states that he had lived in the
- 15 park for about 12 years and has known Barry for that length of
- 16 time. When asked if he had ever seen children play in any type
- 17 of vehicle, he stated no.
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. (Reading) I asked if he knew what type of vehicle Barry
- 20 drives and he said it was a yellow van. And when asked if he
- 21 had ever seen children playing in that van, he said no.
- 22 Correct?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you recall that Angela Gray also said the kids never
- 25 played in the van?

- 1 A. I don't, I don't recall.
- 2 Q. Exhibit 1. Bates Number 532. We'll get the date of this
- 3 interview.
- 4 So this is an undated interview.
- 5 Angela Gray was actually interviewed, I believe, all three
- 6 times on May 2nd, 1994, do you recall that?
- 7 A. I don't recall.
- 8 Q. Let's go to 532. Lines 20 through 21.
- 9 Detectives asked Angela Gray if it was common for children
- 10 to play in his work van, and Angela Gray told detectives --
- 11 Detective Pesquiera here: No. No. He never -- I mean, that I
- 12 know of, he never has before. Correct?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Alisha, Joyce's daughter, who we spoke about a moment ago,
- 15 she also said no one ever played in the van. Do you recall
- 16 that?
- 17 A. I don't remember.
- 18 Q. Exhibit 1, 1495.
- 19 THE COURT: The date of the interview is?
- MR. BRACCIO: Yeah. Thank you, Your Honor.
- 21 BY MR. BRACCIO:
- 22 Q. The date of the interview for this is May 2nd, 1994,
- 23 correct?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 O. Go down to 96.

- 1 Detectives asked Alisha: Do you know if they play in the
- 2 van often? And she said: Um, no.
- 3 Correct?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Joyce said that Barry Jones kept them out of the van
- 6 because there were tools in there, correct?
- 7 A. That sounds familiar.
- 8 Q. And Barry himself told detectives that no kids had ever
- 9 played in his van before, correct?
- 10 A. I don't remember.
- 11 Q. Do you recall that Barry Jones was interviewed by police on
- 12 May 2nd, 1994?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. This is Exhibit 66. Bates Number 5321. This is a police
- 15 interview of Barry Jones. Right there.
- 16 The question asked: Do you ever -- do you ever let the
- 17 kids play in the van before? They've never wanted to before.
- 18 The opportunity never arose.
- 19 Correct?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Do you recall that Zoly came by Barry Jones' trailer to see
- 22 Rachel for her birthday in April, just after they had moved
- 23 into Barry Jones' trailer?
- 24 A. I don't remember that.
- 25 Q. Exhibit 66, Bates 5030. This is an interview of Alisha

- 1 Richmond, Joyce Richmond's daughter, on May 2nd, 1994.
- 2 Scroll up. Right there.
- 3 A2 of this is her mother, Joyce Richmond, who was also
- 4 present at the interview. Do you recall that?
- 5 A. I don't recall that.
- 6 Q. Scroll up to the first page of that. Right there.
- 7 So A is Alisha Knight, A2 is Alice Knight, and then the
- 8 detectives.
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. So Joyce responds: He got in a fight with Zoly. Angela's
- 11 ex, I mean? Answer: Rachel's dad. And the detectives asked
- 12 about when was that? Joyce responded about a month or so ago,
- 13 when they first moved in, when Angela first moved in with
- 14 Barry.
- 15 Correct?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 O. And that, during this fight, Zoly pulled some of Barry's
- 18 hair out.
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Go to 5208. This is Exhibit 66. This is the police
- 21 interview, the second police interview of Angela Gray, on May
- 22 2nd, 1994.
- 23 Angela Gray is telling detectives about this fight, and she
- 24 indicates: I mean, I saw him in -- when him and Zoly got into
- 25 that fight that one day. And, I mean, he's a little guy, but

- 1 he had Zoly down in like two seconds.
- 2 Correct?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Do you recall that Joyce told police that Zoly didn't come
- 5 around after that fight?
- 6 A. I don't remember that.
- 7 Q. This is Exhibit 1, Bates 1500. Again, this is the
- 8 interview of Joyce Richmond on May 2nd, 1994.
- 9 After their discussion of the fight, the detective asked:
- 10 And you haven't seen Zoly come by at all? No, he was supposed
- 11 to come by for Rachel's birthday. I don't know if he did. I
- 12 know her birthday's been in the last month.
- 13 Correct?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Now, during this month that they lived there, do you recall
- 16 that Angela told Detective Pesquiera that Barry took Rachel
- 17 alone anywhere from four to six times during that month?
- 18 A. I don't exactly remember that, but I remember something
- 19 about him taking Rachel with him.
- 20 Q. Okay. This is Exhibit 66, Bates Number 5195, from the
- 21 second police interview of Angela Gray on May 2nd, 1994. At
- 22 the bottom:
- 23 So how long has Barry had contact with Rachel? We started
- 24 dating in February, and she's pretty much always with me. But
- 25 she's been with him alone. Not very often. There's been like

- 1 four or five times that they've actually -- you know, like,
- 2 he's actually gone somewhere with her that's just been the two
- 3 of them.
- 4 Correct?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Do you recall that Larry Jones, Barry's twin brother, also
- 7 told detectives that Barry brought Rachel over two to five
- 8 times alone, especially when he was arguing with Angela?
- 9 A. I don't remember that.
- 10 Q. Exhibit 66, Bates 5471.
- 11 This is the May 2nd, 1994 interview with Larry Jones,
- 12 correct?
- 13 A. I can't tell that. But if that's --
- 14 Q. Yeah, this is, yeah, the May 2nd, 1994 police interview
- 15 with Larry Jones. He indicated: Barry would bring Rachel over
- 16 to my house. He brought her over to my house anywhere from two
- 17 to five times. The detectives asked: So would be alone
- 18 with her there? Would he be -- would he be alone? He
- 19 indicated he would be alone with her or he would have his buddy
- 20 Ron with him.
- 21 Correct?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Let's talk about Rachel's health during that month that she
- 24 lived with Barry Jones. Do you recall that Angela told you
- 25 that she hadn't bathed Rachel in three weeks to a month?

- 1 A. I don't remember that.
- 2 Q. This is Angela Gray's second police interview on May 2nd,
- 3 1994.
- 4 I'm sorry. That was my mistake. It's Bates Number 5193.
- 5 Angela indicated: Since the last time I gave her a bath,
- 6 three weeks, a month. Correct?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And Detective Pesquiera asked about any history of issues
- 9 with Rachel's private parts. Correct?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And Angela denied that there were any issues?
- 12 A. Yes, she denied it.
- 13 Q. Angela admitted that she had only spanked Rachel
- 14 approximately three times on the butt in her entire life.
- 15 Correct?
- 16 A. I don't remember that.
- 17 Q. 5197 at the bottom.
- 18 A. Yes. I'm sorry. They were asking about the 11-year-old
- 19 there.
- 20 Q. Actually, I think they're indicating to Rachel, and she
- 21 said no, indicating she doesn't cause any -- she did not cause
- 22 any of the injuries to Rachel. She says: The only child of
- 23 mine that I've ever slapped, spanked, or anything like that
- 24 would be Becky. I mean, I've never -- and she says: The
- 25 11-year-old? Yeah. She said: I've never -- I think maybe

- 1 three times in her entire life have I ever swatted Rachel on
- 2 the butt. She's never needed it.
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. She indicated that because Rachel was whiny, but otherwise
- 5 a really good child. Do you recall that?
- 6 A. I don't.
- 7 Q. Question: She's real ti- -- she's real tiny, small little
- 8 thing. So I know she was really tiny. Question: She'd be
- 9 real easy to -- to kind of handle as far as if you wanted to
- 10 hurt her. The answer is she's -- she's never needed it. She's
- 11 never -- she's never really been bad. The worst thing she does
- 12 is she tends to whine. Correct?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Now, a month before her death, Angela stated that she heard
- 15 Rachel had fallen off a clothesline and was slightly injured.
- 16 Do you recall that?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. This is Angela's third police interview on May 2nd, 1994.
- 19 Exhibit 1, Bates Number 536, at Line 7.
- 20 (Mr. Braccio speaking with Mr. Vidal)
- 21 THE COURT: How much longer do you have with this
- 22 witness?
- MR. BRACCIO: Quite a bit.
- 24 THE COURT: Can you put that into terms of time for
- 25 me?

- 1 MR. BRACCIO: Probably three hours. Four hours.
- 2 THE COURT: Three?
- 3 MR. BRACCIO: Mmm-hmm.
- 4 THE COURT: Ms. Bowman, what's your schedule tomorrow?
- 5 THE WITNESS: I know that they asked me to clear the
- 6 morning, so I cleared my morning calendar.
- 7 THE COURT: My question to counsel is can we conclude
- 8 with this witness by lunch tomorrow?
- 9 MR. BRACCIO: I certainly hope so, Your Honor.
- 10 THE COURT: That's....
- MR. BRACCIO: Yes. Yes, we can.
- 12 THE COURT: Mr. Sandman, you still believe your prior
- 13 estimate is correct?
- 14 MR. SANDMAN: As to the length of the hearing? Or the
- 15 ability to get --
- 16 THE COURT: No, I haven't gotten there yet.
- 17 MR. SANDMAN: At this time --
- 18 THE COURT: As to the length of your redirect.
- MR. SANDMAN: I don't see much redirect at this point,
- 20 Judge.
- 21 THE COURT: Okay.
- MR. SANDMAN: I'm sorry, Judge. I had had Dr. Keen
- 23 scheduled for 9:00 a.m. tomorrow. I can put off --
- 24 THE COURT: We can't have two witnesses on at the same
- 25 time.

- 1 MR. SANDMAN: I could put him off 'til maybe after
- 2 lunch, but he's from Phoenix, and I've got to get him in and
- 3 out of here tomorrow.
- 4 THE COURT: How long is he?
- 5 MR. SANDMAN: I'm sorry?
- 6 THE COURT: How long is he?
- 7 MR. SANDMAN: Well, we have about an hour of direct,
- 8 but I don't know whether there's some plan to examine him for
- 9 six or seven hours.
- 10 MS. GARD: No, Judge. Dr. Keen may be an hour of
- 11 cross, at most.
- MR. SANDMAN: So we should be able to get him done.
- 13 THE COURT: My suggestion is that we start at 8:30
- 14 tomorrow morning with Judge Bowman, and we're going to finish
- 15 by lunchtime. So you need to --
- MR. BRACCIO: Sure.
- 17 THE COURT: -- frame your questions in such a fashion
- 18 that we can finish by lunchtime.
- This is probably an appropriate time to break, so we're
- 20 going to break for the day. We'll start at 8:30 tomorrow
- 21 morning. Judge Bowman, we'll finish with you by lunchtime.
- 22 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- THE COURT: Then we'll take up Dr. Keen after lunch.
- 24 All right? All right. Thank you, very much. We'll be at
- 25 recess. (Off the record at 4:42 p.m.)

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